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CUC needs \$321 million for infrastructure improvement

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» **Includes \$260M to improve water system**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. needs more than \$321 million for its infrastructure replacement and improvement projects based on a report they submitted recently to Senate Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications committee chair Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan).

CUC acting executive director Gary P. Camacho submitted the report in response to Igisomar's Senate Resolution 19-48 that was adopted last June 29. SR 19-48 requests the CUC and the DPW to submit its physical development plans on infrastructure projects in the Third Senatorial District.

The resolution also asks the Department of Finance to also provide a detailed accounting of the developer infrastructure tax collected on Saipan

as mandated by Public Law 8-23. CUC's infrastructure development plans include projects for power, water, and wastewater.

CUC's report includes a power generation expansion plan, Power Plant 1 engine replacement and expansion plan, description of the proposed projects and recommended plan of action of Saipan water system, and its estimated costs.

The power generation expansion plan is estimated to cost \$321 million. The power generation expansion plan is estimated to cost \$321 million.

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EVEN IF PRIOR 151 CW-1 PETITIONS ARE APPROVED:

USCIS says Dynasty still not authorized to employ CW workers

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Even if the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services were to reopen and approve Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino owner's petition for 151 Commonwealth-only transitional worker permits (CW) filed between

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DOC welcomes 21 graduates

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After a three-month training, 21 cadets yesterday graduated from the Department of Corrections Sixth Cycle Corrections Academy.

» **Malwelbug is class valedictorian**

Before the graduation ceremony was held, the 21 new Corrections Officers along with two new police graduates, took their oath of duty before Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho.

Anthony Malwelbug emerged as the

class valedictorian and received the Governor's Leadership Award. Hermenia Agulto was chosen as the class salutatorian.

Takeuo Alexander received the Top Gun award, while Jessica Mundo was named Physically Fit. Raymond Sablan

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE
The 23 graduates from the Department of Corrections Sixth Cycle Corrections Academy, including two police officers, stand at attention after family members pinned their badge on their uniforms yesterday in the Superior Court. The new graduates took their oath of duty before Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho. Also in the photo are Department of Corrections Commissioner Georgia Cabrera, Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero, and some of the cycle trainers.

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Local

Hyatt celebrates Korean 'Thanksgiving'

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Hyatt Regency Saipan is holding a three-day buffet dinner in honor of Chuseok, which is Korea's version of the American Thanksgiving starting tonight, Sept. 14, through Friday, Sept. 16, at the Kili Café & Terrace.

Leading the Garapan landmark's culinary team is executive sous chef, Tony Lee, a native Korean chef who is on loan from Hyatt Regency Guam.

Hyatt Regency Saipan was generous enough to allow the media to have a sample of the food to be served at the buffet.

Starting off the sampler was an appetizer consisting of two traditional variants of Korean pancakes. Uniquely textured with the softness of pancakes and the crunchiness of kimchi, the soy-based sauce added the little kick needed to stimulate the taste buds. The other Korean pancake variant combined the softness of pancakes with the flavors of seafood and green onions, which were a delightful combo in its entirety.

With the appetizers out of the way, the media were discreetly asking for more, as the conversation about Chuseok with Lee progressed.

"I know America has Thanksgiving. In Korea, Chuseok is like the Korean



PHOTOS BY ERWIN ENCINARES

Executive sous chef Tony Lee of Hyatt Regency Guam presents the food that was prepared for the buffet sampling at the Teppanyaki Restaurant, Hyatt Regency Saipan last Monday.



From left, soy-based sauce for Korean pancakes, kimchi Korean pancake, and seafood and green onion Korean pancake.

Thanksgiving. It is actually celebrated during autumn, where we harvest many produce and give thanks to the earth and God," shared Lee.

The main course of the evening, the LA kalbi sided with bibimbap and a hearty clam-bean paste soup, was the highlight of the evening. The LA kalbi, grilled to perfection and extremely flavorful sided with

bibimbap, rice topped with various julienned vegetables with a little gojuchang (spicy bean paste), and the excellent clam-bean paste soup, was a combination of flavors that made even those who are not fond of Korean food pine for seconds. It was at this moment that I felt even more thankful to the staff of Hyatt Regency Saipan for inviting me.



From left, LA kalbi, kimchi Korean pancake on top of the seafood and green onion Korean pancake with a soy-based sauce, Korean delicacy bibimbap covering the gochujang, the spicy red bean paste used for it, clam-bean paste soup with shrimp, green onion kimchi (front) and white cabbage kimchi (back).



From upper left, bibimbap, red bean paste gochujang, and white cabbage kimchi. From lower left, clam-bean paste soup with shrimp, and green onion kimchi.

Being ignorant on the cultures and traditions of Korea, Lee shares with us the significance of Chuseok to the Korean household. "Chuseok is giving thanks to the earth for bountiful harvests. Another significance of Chuseok is

the gathering of family. In Korea, all the families don't have enough quality time for each other, all working hard to earn money, but during Chuseok, everybody comes home and celebrate together," shared Lee.

Lee also stated that he is

here to serve people authentic traditional Korean food. "I am Korean and have come to provide the best quality Korean food. If guests come to Hyatt, they will be able to try the best quality of traditional Korean food."

Inclusive in the buffet is Shikhye, a traditional Korean sweet rice beverage that is usually drank after meals, and free flowing beer, wine, and iced tea.

Hyatt Regency Saipan would be featuring the Chuseok celebration buffet starting tonight, from 6pm to 9pm at the Kili Café & Terrace. Prices are at \$55 per person and \$35 for members of Club at the Hyatt.

For reservations and more information about the buffet, call Hyatt Regency Saipan at 234-1234 or visit their website at saipan.regency.hyatt.com.



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AGENDA

- I. Preliminary Matters
 - 1. Roll Call
 - 2. Adoption of Agenda
 - 3. Adoption of Minutes from August 11, 2016
- II. Public Comments
- III. Reports
 - 1. Administrator
 - 2. Chair
 - 3. COMMITTEES
 - a. Committee on Awards
 - b. Committee on Appeal/Deferments/Forbearance
 - c. Committee on Policy and Procedures
 - d. Committee on Program and Development
 - e. Committee of Fiscal, Legislative and Community Affairs
- IV. Old Business
 - 1. SHEFA on Disability
 - 2. House Resolution 19-10
- V. New Business
 - 1. Fall 2016 Application Status
 - 2. Amended CGPA for new applicants
 - 3. Military Service
 - 4. Executive Session
 - 5. Misc.
 - 6. Next Meeting
 - 7. Adjournment
- VII. Adjournment

Note: Meeting may continue the following day should the need arise.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Meeting on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 9:00 am, at the Northern Marianas College, Tinian campus, building B (room E) in San Jose Village, Tinian.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Adoption of Agenda
 - 4. Adoption of Minutes
September 20, 2016
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS!
- III. EXECUTIVE SESSION*
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. To review pending graduate applications for Fall 2016.
 - 2. To review finalized rules and regulations from previous board members
- V. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER
- VI. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

/S Antonio L. Borja
Chairman

* We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each.
Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.
Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.
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Torres administration comes up with joint typhoon plan

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The administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has come up with a CNMI Catastrophic Typhoon Plan, a general public information and warning fact sheet that will be followed by agencies that are first responders and are involved in times of typhoons.

The primary purpose of the fact sheet, put together by the CNMI Joint Information Center, is to support a joint analysis of a Category 4 typhoon

response for public information and warning. It describes in detail the impact of a catastrophic typhoon in the Commonwealth.

Last year, Saipan was not prepared to handle Typhoon Soudelor as it pummeled the island, with its tornado-like winds downing power poles and destroying houses.

The fact sheet also describes in detail how to deliver basic information and guidance to the public during times of disaster. For example, most government agencies do not have

public information officers and they must have a back-up plan or train someone.

"Disaster public information requires special attention and coordination on the process of preparation and dissemination. Information that concerns an emergency situation affecting the general public must be accurate and timely," said in the fact sheet.

Providing accurate, coordinated, timely, and accessible information to the public—including the media; newspaper, television, and radio—govern-

ment officials, and the private sector is a requirement.

"Life-saving and life-sustaining information must be coordinated among local, territorial, and federal stakeholders, and be accessible to individuals with disabilities, others with access, and functional needs; those from diverse religious, racial or ethnic."

The governor's press secretary's office will be the lead agency that is responsible in providing the public the information and warning activities

for the CNMI. The Department of Homeland Security and the local Federal Emergency Management Agency through the FEMA office of external affairs will be its counterpart.

The CNMI's Homeland Security Emergency Management Emergency Operation Center will activate the public information plan with the staff of the Commonwealth's PIO tasked to provide the Governor's Office updates and other information.

The contents of the fact

sheet were gathered from input from different agencies that became part of JIC last year. It is a joint catastrophic plan that would help prepare the CNMI in future disasters like typhoons, earthquakes, volcanic eruption, tsunami, and even civil unrest.

Government agencies need to know its basic responsibilities before, during, and after disasters like evacuation plan, responding to emergencies, and how to address the issue on hazardous materials or other wastes. Releasing accurate information before and after a disaster is important.

Habitual offender gets 1-month prison term for domestic violence

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio yesterday slapped a one-month prison term against habitual offender David Desebel Kapileo for beating up his wife.

Kapileo, 47, pleaded guilty to the offense of assault and battery. In return, assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley, counsel for the government, agreed to dismiss the remaining charge of disturbing the peace.

Kim-Tenorio accepted Kapileo's guilty plea and granted Baisley's motion to dismiss.

Kim-Tenorio sentenced the defendant to one-year imprisonment, all suspended except one month.

Kapileo was given credit for nine days of time served. After serving the prison term, he will be placed on

probation for one year.

Kapileo was ordered to undergo and complete alcohol abuse and anger management course, and pay a \$100 in probation fee and \$25 in court assessment fee.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, on March 23, 2016 on Saipan, Kapileo threatened to beat up his wife, then grabbed her by her face/mouth with his hand. He then squeezed her face/mouth, causing her to be afraid and to experience pain.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato served as counsel for Kapileo.

On Monday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho dismissed a case that charged Kapileo with criminal

mischief for allegedly damaging a woman's case.

Camacho dismissed the case after AAG Baisley and defendant's counsel, Sato, stipulated to the dismissal of the case.

Last Aug. 11, Camacho found as too lenient the Office of the Attorney General's plea deal that recommends a 19-day prison term against Kapileo in the criminal mischief case. The judge rejected the plea agreement.

Camacho noted, among other things, that Kapileo has been arrested several times since being released on the murder conviction.

Kapileo fatally shot his mother with a gun at their house in Garapan in December 1992, according to court records. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Probable cause found against Rota retiree accused of sexual abuse

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday found probable cause to charge 63-year-old retiree Manases Masga Manglona Sr. over allegations that he sexually abused a 12-year-old girl on several occasions on Rota.

At a preliminary hearing, Camacho found probable cause to believe that the crimes of two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree and one count of disturbing the peace were committed and that Manglona may have committed such offenses.

Camacho ordered the defendant to answer the charges.

The judge dismissed the charge of assault and battery. He said assault and battery is a lesser included offense of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

It means that it is not necessary to charge assault and battery as such offense is already included in the sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree charge.

Assistant attorney general Shannon Foley, counsel for the government, called to the witness stand Rota Police Detective

Shaw Clay DLC Taisacan.

Assistant public defender Tillman Clark appeared as counsel for Manglona.

Arraignment will be on Sept. 26 at 9am.

Taisacan stated in his report that Department of Public Safety Central received a call last Sept. 6 from a principal of a school on Rota about a sexual abuse of a minor case.

Taisacan said investigation showed that the girl confessed to a teacher that Manglona has been sexually abusing her and that she wants it to stop. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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SNILD passes bill to rezone districts

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After close to three hours of deliberation and two power outages, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation passed House Local Bill 19-53, which aims to rezone certain areas and districts on the island.

The bill amends the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 where the delegation sees fit to rezone certain areas and districts in the best interest of the community. The bill passed by a vote of 15-6.

House Floor Leader Rep. George N. Camacho (R-Saipan) introduced HLB 19-53 that hopes to rezone specific lots on Saipan's northern area, particularly in San Roque where it hopes to classify eight lands to tourist resort zoning district.

Camacho, before voting was done, said there have been a lot of discussions on the concerns stated about the bill but he told his colleagues that part of their job as legislators is to make difficult decisions.

"The concerns are not against development. Let's face it, you are proposing a 300- to 500-room hotel in that area and there will traffic conditions since buses and rental cars will be coming, and noise due to construction," said Camacho.

"But part of our job is to make difficult decisions. We all know that this will help the CNMI with job opportunities, money to the CNMI coffers, and community involvement [of the investor]. There is no perfect proposal."

He added that one must weigh the good and the bad,

and the positive and negative sides of the issue. "Today we're addressing the rezoning of the area. We must consider our options and the potential of growth for positive things in the community."

"The concerns on sewer, power, and environment, there are agencies who are in charge of this and that will be taken care of."

Rep. Vinson Sablan (Ind-Saipan), one of the SNILD members who voted no, said that it was important for them to make a sound decision for the residents of San Roque and the north side. "We heard many sides on the issue, especially the affected communities. We debated and presented positions at least we should have given the residents who oppose it a chance," said Sablan.

He added that he doesn't

oppose development and investors coming to the north. "We need to be aware of not only now but for the future. I'm not against development but I'm a strong proponent of preservation of village land and things that we enjoy."

"Tourism is our main industry, but we must understand that we must be able to have a diverse field on the island, we must have balance that we could offer to our visitors."

Viola Alepuyo, who attended the session being a resident of San Roque, said she supports the bill since the process required in the zoning law is already antiquated. "It works then but it is not working now. So it is better to amend the law."

"We're not even in the development yet. This is only the first step and there is a process that needs to be done

and requirements to be met by the developer. The [SNILD] members all have good points and we must take into consideration the protection of the environment and preservation of our culture."

CUC

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sion plan is estimated at \$61,158,672, while all proposed projects for Saipan's water system needs approximately \$259,850,000.

The estimated cost of the proposed projects for Saipan's water system are as follows: \$500,000 for installing working meters on all service connections; \$15,640,000 for leak detection and repair; \$19,640,000 to drill new wells and \$19,740,000 for pump inventory; \$22,240,000 for the Lower Base sewer system; \$24,940,000 for the abandoned Isley booster stations; \$28,440,000 to replace the Isley-As Perdido main transmission; \$31,440,000 to complete collection of minor upgrades; \$32,090,000 for San Roque's distribution main modifications; \$32,290,000 for tank metering; and \$32,890,000 to evaluate the impact of commercial in-

Alepuyo said that getting approval for your sanitary permit at the Coastal Resources Management alone is a stringent process with the developer also needing to hire an archaeologist if artifacts are unearthed during excavation and a traffic engineer to study the flow of traffic in the area.

rastructure developments.

'It's a start'

Acting Senate president Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) said the report submitted by CUC now gives the Legislature a basis on what needs to be done to improve their services to their Saipan consumers.

He said one of CUC's problems was its failure to invest more in its infrastructure like power generation, sewer, and drainage system. "Now we have a lot of catching up to do. We have people in CUC that put up this report and it's a start."

Palacios said the Senate could now plan on what needs to be done to improve CUC's facilities. "At least we already got the report and we now know what are the compelling needs."

"At least we [Legislature] know what their plans are and we can now act to address the concerns. But we need more information so we could plan ahead and move forward. There are a lot of things that we need to do."

DPS Commissioner Guerrero said he feels good that John Guerrero, who is his son, has been successful in achieving his goal.

John Guerrero, 21, who is only 4'8" in height, said becoming a police officer is his dream. He said the training was kind of hard.

Including the two new graduates, DPS Saipan now has 133 officers. Tinian DPS and Rota DPS both have 19 officers, according to DPS Commissioner Guerrero.

DOC Commissioner Georgia M. Cabrera refused to divulge how many officers DOC has.

At the graduation ceremony, Cabrera and acting governor Francisco M. Borja delivered brief remarks.

Aside from valedictorian Malwelbug and salutatorian Herminia Agulto, the other new Corrections graduates are John Jacob Guerrero and Loni Perry.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero said the two new police officers joined the oath-taking and graduation ceremonies from the Sixth Cycle Corrections Academy and not from the police cycle academy because there were some issues that were ironed out.

Malakas moves farther away from Marianas, but new tropical depression developing

As Tropical Storm Malakas continued moving westward and farther away from Marianas region, a new tropical disturbance was developing yesterday near Guam.

Heavy rains since morning have caused minor to moderate flooding in some areas and roads on Saipan yesterday.

According to the U.S. Na-

tional Weather Service Guam, the tropical disturbance is expected to gradually develop last night and today, Wednesday, as it drifts west.

NWS said the disturbance is expected to pass over or near Guam late today, Wednesday, or early Thursday.

This will result to fresh east winds and scattered heavy

showers and thunderstorms over the CNMI and Guam.

NWS advised people who are planning any outdoor or marine activities to be aware of current marine conditions and stay informed on latest statements and possible advisories by NWS and CNMI Emergency Management Office.

With respect to Tropical Storm Malakas, as of 7pm yesterday the center was 635 miles west of Saipan and 580 miles west of Guam.

Packing maximum sustained winds at 50 miles per hour, Malakas was intensifying and could become a typhoon today, Wednesday. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

USCIS

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2011 and 2014, it would not authorize the company to employ today any of the alien-beneficiaries listed on these petitions, according to a USCIS official.

USCIS California Service Center Employment Branch 2 section chief Stephanie Chau stated in a declaration that such approval of Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investment Ltd.'s Form I-129CW petition would only authorize HKE to employ the alien-beneficiaries for the validity periods listed on the petitions, all of which have expired.

Chau said if, before the period of validity of the 151 petitions had expired, HKE had filed successive extension petitions with current validity periods on behalf of the alien-beneficiaries listed on these petitions, then these extension petitions, if approved, would have authorized HKE to employ the alien-beneficiaries for the validity periods requested in the petitions.

However, Chau said, HKE did not file successive extension petitions with current validity dates, and there are not currently any peti-

tions pending before USCIS which, if approved, would authorize HKE to employ CW-1 workers.

Chau's declaration was attached in the USCIS' and co-defendants' motion filed yesterday in federal court that seeks to dismiss HKE's lawsuit against them.

HKE is suing USCIS, U.S. Department of Homeland Security secretary Jeh Johnson, and USCIS director Leon Rodriguez over the denial of its petitions for CW-1 extension and transfer for its foreign workers.

According to HKE's lawsuit, the final USCIS Administrative Appeals Office's adverse agency decision affirming that the company is not engaged in a legitimate business for CW purposes affects more than three quarters of Tinian Dynasty's employees.

HKE counsel George Anthony Long said the company is harmed by the agency decision as it materially affects its ability to maintain and continue its business operations.

In her declaration, Chau pointed out that in order to employ aliens in CW-1 status going forward, HKE must file new Form I-129CW petitions with documentary evidence establishing eligibility

for CW status for the actual period in which it intends to employ aliens in CW-1 nonimmigrant status.

Chau said USCIS is currently prohibited from making any additional CW-1 visas available or providing CW status to any additional individuals with an employment start date beginning before Oct. 1, 2016.

USCIS and co-defendants' counsel Office of Immigration Litigation trial attorney Heather Sokolower asserted that the U.S. District Court for the NMI should dismiss HKE's claim because, even if it was meritorious (which it is not), the relief that HKE seeks—an order directing USCIS to "set aside" the decisions, declaring HKE to be a "legitimate employer" for purposes of the CW-1 program, and remanding the decisions to USCIS for further processing—is illusory.

In defendants' motion to dismiss, Sokolower said even if the court granted the relief that HKE requests, and even assuming that, on remand, USCIS approved HKE's petitions in full, USCIS' approval of these petitions would not authorize HKE to employ any foreign workers today or at any point in the future.

Sokolower said that it is because these petitions seek

permission to employ CW-1 nonimmigrants for time periods that have already passed.

Sokolower said in order to employ CW-1 nonimmigrants going forward, HKE must file new petitions with current validity dates and provide documentary evidence establishing its eligibility for the CW-1 program (as well as the eligibility of its alien-beneficiaries) for the dates on which it seeks to employ the alien-beneficiaries.

The trial attorney said HKE does not have standing to bring its claims because a favorable decision in this case will not redress the harm HKE allegedly incurred as a result of USCIS' denials of its petitions.

In its lawsuit, HKE asked the court to declare that the company is a legitimate employer for purposes of the CW program.

HKE requested the court to set aside each decision of the USCIS Administrative Appeals Office affirming the denial of the company's CW petitions and dismissing each administrative appeal.

HKE asked the court to remand all HKE petitions to the USCIS Administrative Appeals Office for instructions to process the company's CW-1 petitions in accordance with the court's order.

DOC

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got the Most Improved Physically Fit award.

In an interview after the graduation ceremony held at Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall, Malwelbug said he was actually aiming for valedictorian since the start of the academy.

"It feels good that I actually reached my goal. I'm proud of myself and proud of my family that came out here for me," the 26-year-old Malwelbug said.

Malwelbug said the three-month training was good as it was both physically and mentally challenging.

Malwelbug is the son of Finian and Valerie Kapileo Malwelbug.

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Visitor arrivals to CNMI jump 63 pct in August 2016

Visitors arrivals to the CNMI catapulted 63 percent in August 2016 compared to August 2015, according to the Marianas Visitors Authority.

The CNMI tourism body said arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota registered 48,971 visitors in August 2016, compared to 29,996 visitors received in August 2015. The phenomenal percentage increase is due, in part, to lower arrivals in August 2015 following Typhoon Souledor. Overall this fiscal year, visitor arrivals are 4-percent higher compared to the same period last fiscal year.

Arrivals from Korea more than doubled in August, jumping 154 percent to 21,528 visitors. With direct double daily flights from Seoul by Jeju Air and double daily service from Seoul by Asiana Airlines in the summer season, arrivals from Korea to the CNMI are projected to remain extremely strong through the end of this year. In addition to new flights launched in June by Korean Air's low cost carrier Jin Air, Jeju Air is expected to launch new service from Busan to Saipan at the end of the year, driving continued rapid growth in Korean arrivals well into 2017. To continue boosting arrivals out of the Korean

market, the MVA's Korea office launched a new Marianas Educational Seminar themed "Paradise For Everyone" on August 24 in Busan, targeting 80 key travel agents, with seven MVA partners attending the seminar. In addition, the Korea office appointed famous national network TV anchorwoman Park Ji-yoon and famous Korean singer Lee Jae-hoon as new tourism ambassadors for the NMI in Korea. Both celebrities will visit the Marianas three times during the coming year, and in conjunction with their visits, the Korea office will conduct consumer events, media tie-ups, new collateral production, and social media campaigns leveraging their celebrity power to reach target audiences nationwide throughout Korea.

"The significant increase in visitor arrivals in August 2016 is largely due to the new flights coming in from Korea and the tremendous work of our office in Korea to build demand for the Northern Marianas and fill those flights," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "At the same time, we continue to work diligently to sustain our other markets, including Japan. We also cannot overstate the importance of the continuing

destination enhancement projects we are now undertaking to keep the destination safe, attractive and fresh. More tourists mean more public and private income for the CNMI."

Arrivals from China increased 47 percent compared to August 2015 to 18,786 visitors. The MVA's China office continued to run an outdoor advertising campaign in the new market of Hangzhou until mid-September to boost the CNMI's destination awareness in support of new flights from Hangzhou launched by Dynamic Airways. In addition, MVA

worked with Century Tours to co-host a series of travel trade seminars in Huhehaote

and Tangshan to promote the NMI in new markets of north China. With heavy bookings by mainland Chinese visitors on PAL Express' new flights via Manila, and on Hong Kong

Airlines new flights via Hong Kong, the number of Chinese visitors to the NMI is expected to rapidly rise for the remainder of this year.

Arrivals from Japan fell 10 percent to 6,313 visitors as the CNMI continued to feel the effect of Delta Air Lines cutting

its second Narita to Saipan night flight in October, a move that dropped airlift from the Japan market to just one daily flight. Asiana Airlines, however, operated 10 charter flights from Narita and one charter flight from Osaka in August, boosting total air seats for the month to 6,957.

Source markets economic highlights

Japan's government kept its assessment of the economy unchanged in August but offered a slightly more downbeat view on consumer inflation, as prices slid on weak household spending and the strong yen pushed down import costs. The strong Japa-

nese yen caused exports to crash 14 percent year-on-year in July, their sharpest drop since 2009. At the same time, Japan's trade surplus expanded to \$5.1 billion as a result of the Japanese yen's appreciation to 100.30 yen to the U.S. dollar. South Korea has regained its title as the world's 11th-largest economy according to the World Bank and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. South Korea's economy will grow at a slightly higher pace in 2017, the Bank of Korea projected. The average USD/WON exchange rate in August was 1,105.89 won, a slight decrease from the July rate of 1,142.40 won. (PR)



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Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-16-023

ISLAND WIDE ROAD RESTORATION FOR WATERLINE REPAIRS, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Island Wide Road Restoration for Waterline Repairs, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity work consists of excavation, placing of flowable fill and asphalt to replace pavement areas cut by CUC to repair waterlines. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC and the Department of Public Works. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an additional year if exercised by CUC.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **September 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) Original and Seven (7) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Island Wide Road Restoration for Waterline Repairs, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 12, 2016**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bids shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

A **Bid Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders.

The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). **Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.**

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **September 26, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Robert Malate, CUC Water & Wastewater Engineer, via email- robert.malate@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S Administrative Support Assistant, via email- marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAM
Purchasing Officer



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM and PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFFICE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS

Provision of Architect and Engineering Services

for the
702 Capital Improvement Program and the Public Assistance Office
RFQ16-GOV-164

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the Public Assistance Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth"), are soliciting sealed proposals from Architects and Engineers to provide Project Management Services for designated federally funded projects through: 1) Capital Improvement Program, funded by the Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs and 2) Public Assistance Office, funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Firms may submit proposals for either the Capital Improvement program or Public Assistance Office only or for both.

Procurement procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 (Local Preference Act) as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor, and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Selected Architects and Engineers (Project Managers) will be retained as independent contractors under general provision of the Contracting Officer or his/her designee. Project Managers will act as agents of the expenditure authority on assigned Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects and/or the Public Assistance Office projects to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within cost, time and legal requirements while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained of a one year contract with an option to renew for an additional year at the discretion of the Commonwealth. Project Managers include Architects, Civil, Mechanical, and Electrical Engineers.

Compensation for Project Management services will be determined based on the number of assigned projects including payments for approved staff and expenses. The Commonwealth will negotiate with the selected Project Managers to determine the scope of work and responsibilities. Individuals or firms selected as Project Managers would be precluded from providing any other services associated with the assigned project(s).

To qualify, firms must have a valid CNMI Business License, be currently licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI, and must hold a Certificate of Authorization, if applicable.

Statements of qualifications must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330, or the latest version of Standard Forms. Only professionally licensed firms with a valid CNMI business license will be considered. Statement of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Qualification of Firm and/or Personnel	40%
2. Experience in Project Management	40%
3. Work Load	20%
4. Fee Estimate on a Per Hourly Rate	0%

Fee estimates will assist the CIP Office and the Public Assistance Office with budgeting purposes only. Fee estimates will not be a part of the evaluation criteria.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms or with all the firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The selected firm will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Qualifications statements must be sealed and marked "RFQ16-GOV-164", **Project Management Services for the 702 CIP Projects and/or Project Management Services for the Public Assistance Office**. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the qualifications statement must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP, no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on Monday, September 26, 2016. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST), on Monday, September 26, 2016, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@picom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed qualifications statement must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Monday, September 26, 2016, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on Wednesday, October 5, 2016. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal. A pre-proposal meeting will be held at Governor's Conference Room, located at the Juan A. Sablan building in Capitol Hill, at 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

Questions regarding this RFQ16-GOV-164 may be submitted in writing to Ms. Sheila Babauta at sheilababauta.cip@gmail.com or faxed to 664-2408 no later than Monday, September 19, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. (ChST).

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor, CNMI

Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

MHS welcomes new school year with pep rally

Marianas High School welcomed the new school year with a pep rally last Friday, Sept. 9, with the MHS JROTC Color Guard and MHS Rhythm and Harmony opening the event with the posting of colors and the singing of the U.S. and CNMI national anthems, respectively.

MHS also did an oath-taking ceremony for the newly appointed class, club, and student council officers. Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos administered the oath to the new officers.

MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera also gave a few words of encouragement for the freshmen and upper class men stating that, "We're all going to unite as one to make this school year a good one."

MHS STUCO officers were



PHOTOS BY MACKENZIE PEREZ

The MHS Glee Club sang the American and CNMI national anthems and the MHS JROTC Color Guard posted the colors during the opening ceremony of last Friday's pep rally.



Marianas High School principal Cherlyn Cabrera is about to deliver the opening remarks.



RCC members perform a widely popular dance number.



Polksai Chamorro Club performs their cultural dance.



Newly added Polynesian Club members perform on center stage.



All grade levels at MHS also have their own "hashtags" to be used for social media for all school events this year. For freshmen its #2020Vision; sophomores, #ALM19HTY; juniors, #V18ES; and for class of 2017 seniors, #EL17E. *(Mackenzie Perez)*

The MHS Cheerleading squad performs a new routine.



Dolphins having fun in the middle of the campus.



Freshmen and juniors collaborate to perform a number.



Sophomores and seniors collaborate to perform a number.



Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos poses with MHS' new officers for School Year 2017 after he administered their oaths of office.

also present during the event "I look forward to spending a great year with you [MHS] Dolphins" said MHS Student Council president Yuuki Nishida.

Her speech was followed by a series of performances by the MHS Cheerleading Squad, Polksai Chamorro Club, MHS Rhythm and Harmony, freshmen and junior collaboration, Polynesian Club, Filipino Club, sophomore and senior collaboration, and the Refaluwasch Cultural Club.

The students were all hyped up to see their co-Dolphins perform in front of them for the first time this year. The MHS pep rally is always the most anticipated event for the Dolphins due to the excitement that it brings not only for the students who cooperate but for the staff and administration as well. The highlight of the event is always the individual club and class performances.

After the performance, adrenaline was still rushing throughout the crowd, Romolo Orsini, emcee of the occasion, boosted the students' unwavering energy when they all started chanting "MHS!" Chanting can be heard across the whole campus as all students were engaged throughout the event.

Supreme Court vacates trial court's sentence and remands for re-sentencing

The Supreme Court has vacated Jin Song Lin's five-year prison sentence for pleading guilty to a sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree and remanded the case to the trial court for re-sentencing.

In its decision last Sept. 12, the Supreme Court said the trial court failed to conduct an individualized review of the defendant's life and circumstances, including the need for deterrence and the ability to be

rehabilitated, before making its sentencing determination.

Lin's conviction carried a sentence from a minimum of two to a maximum of five years. At the sentencing hearing, Lin was allowed to present

factors particular to his life that might result in a lesser sentence.

The trial court heard statements from Lin's wife about the family hardship resulting from his time in prison, and

about Lin's good character from his landlord. Lin acknowledged his fault and told the court that he had entered into a civil settlement to provide restitution to the victim.

At the end of the hearing, the trial court gave Lin the maximum prison sentence of five years without the possibility of parole. Lin appealed his sentence arguing the sentencing judge engaged in a "broad policy of sentencing offenders of every age and category to the statutory maximum."

He further argued that the judge did not consider any of the information presented at the sentencing hearing, and therefore, his sentence must be set aside.

The Supreme Court concluded the trial court did not impose the statutory maximum simply because of the judge's fixed attitude. Rather, the record below shows that the judge reviewed the information relevant to Lin and gave some thought in imposing his punishment. Thus, "in view of the sentencing process in its full context," the

Supreme Court concluded the trial court did not err.

However, the Supreme Court held the trial court abused its discretion in its sentencing because the court did not consider Lin's individual circumstances, including the mitigating factors Lin presented.

The Supreme Court determined that Lin's punishment was merely based on elements of the crime committed, rather than factors relevant to Lin such as the need for deterrence and the ability to be rehabilitated.

Furthermore, the Supreme Court concluded the trial court erred when it completely denied parole eligibility because it did so without an adequate explanation. The Supreme Court emphasized that the trial court has a duty to individualize its sentences. The sentence must be tailored to the particular offender because public interest demands that punishment not simply fit the crime, but also the offender.

The Supreme Court's full opinion is available at <http://www.cnmilaw.org/supreme16.html>. (PR)

CUC: Power interruption this Saturday

CUC line crew to safely replace three wooden primary power poles with concrete poles along Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road. This will be an extended power interruption

because the three power poles support double circuit systems (Kiya 1 and Kiya 2). Double circuit systems have twice as much hardware requiring the additional repair time.

The replacement of these power poles is part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation from Typhoon Soudelor.

CUC appreciates the understanding of the community as it continues to harden their system.

Areas to be affected are under Kiya 1 (Partial of 1st partial), including Chalan Kiya (Kulot Di Rosa Dr., Apu Dr., Attisa Ct., Lila Pl., Chokolat Pl., Rayao Lp., and Kulot Kachet Pl.), As Terlaje, northern side of Fina Sisu (Chalan Tun Antonio Apa, Bobolong Drive, Nagao Pl., Husk Ln., Aschi Pl., Ubwut Pl., Penka Pl., Patma Pl., Gafo Pl., Heggao Pl., Frond Pl., Rebwong Ct., Bobolong Lp., Hagasas Ct., and Fina Sisu Lane), and the Northern Marianas College.

Water services should not be affected.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation>). (PR)



GO FOR COCO

Commonwealth Council for Arts & Culture Arts in Education/Festival coordinator Parker Yobei, third right, receives a \$1,000 donation from the Marianas Visitors Authority on behalf of the 2nd Annual Coconut Festival on Rota on Sept. 26-30, 2016. The donation was made on Sept. 12, 2016, at the MVA office with, from left, MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion, MVA Community Projects specialist Jennalyd Babauta, MVA deputy managing director Judy Torres, Yobei, MVA Product Development manager Tatiana Babauta, and MVA administrative assistant Demalyn Paragao.

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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB 16-OVR-174**

SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2016 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

"PURCHASE OF A MULTIFUNCTION COLOR DIGITAL COPIER/NETWORK PRINTER AND SCANNER MACHINE FOR THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION"

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**/S/ ARLENE KAY A. YAMAGATA, M.S. CRC
DIRECTOR OF OVR**

**/S/ HERMAN S. SABLON
DIRECTOR, P&S**

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB 16-HSEM-165**

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 **TIME: 9:30 A.M.**

"VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEM & ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY"

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**/S/ GERALD J. DELEON GUERRERO
ACTING SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR HSEM**

**/S/ HERMAN S. SABLON
DIRECTOR, P&S**

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB 16-HSEM-175**

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

"PURCHASE, DELIVER, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND TRAINING OF NEW DIGITAL EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM FOR THE CNMI EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER"

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**/S/ HERMAN S. SABLON
DIRECTOR, P&S**

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB 16-DLNR/DFW-173**

SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 06, 2016 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

"LEASE OF AN OFFICE SPACE FOR 10 YEARS FOR DLNR-DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE – ROTA BRANCH"

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**/S/ RICHARD B. SEMAN
SECRETARY OF DLNR**

**/S/ HERMAN S. SABLON
DIRECTOR, P&S**

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB 16-HSEM-176**

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 **TIME: 10:30 A.M.**

"PURCHASE, DELIVER, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND TRAINING OF END USERS OF A NEW MULTIFUNCTION COLOR COPIER MACHINE FOR CNMI HSEMA TRAINING SECTION"

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ACTING SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR HSEM**

**/S/ HERMAN S. SABLON
DIRECTOR, P&S**

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NOTICE TO NMHC'S HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS RECIPIENTS

According to Article 12(A)(ii) of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's (NMHC) By-Laws, one (1) board member out of the eight (8) total board of directors must be a recipient of one of the housing assistance programs administered by NMHC. If you are a recipient of HUD's Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8), New Construction Program (multifamily under Mihaville or Koblerville), HOME Program, or Neighborhood Stabilization Program and are interested in serving as a board member to assist and guide NMHC in the administration of its housing and community development mandates, please submit a notice of intent along with your background information on or before Friday, September 30, 2016, at NMHC's office in Garapan, Saipan. The NMHC Board of Directors will then select the board member to serve a one (1) year term.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, or Zenie P. Mafnas, Deputy Corporate Director.

MVA appoints Access Inc. for Japan marketing

The Marianas Visitors Authority has hired market research agency Access, Inc. to market the Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to Japan beginning next month.

Access Inc. was established in 1984 and is a member of Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA), Visit USA-Japan Committee, and Travel Industry Communications Society. Its clients have included Hawaii Tourism Authority, Tourism Massachusetts, Minnesota Office of Tourism, Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc., and Dollar Rent-a-Car.

"The Marianas Visitors Authority is pleased to announce that Access, Inc., led by company president Takashi Ichikura, has been selected to represent the MVA in the Japan market effective Oct. 1."

Ichikura has also served as executive director of Hawaii Tourism Japan and Account

said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "After careful review and scoring by an eight-member selection committee, Access, Inc. garnered the top position amongst a group of six proposals. We are pleased with the proposal Ac-

» AVIAREPS

Marketing Garden and Skywalker Communications also appointed

ress, Inc. submitted and are very excited with their marketing and promotional plans for the Japan market. This is an incredibly important market for the Northern Marianas, and we look forward to working with them to revitalize and then stabilize arrivals from Japan."

Each company has developed a country-specific media plan outlining public relations and media activities to expand and stimulate the CNMI's tourism market over a five-year period. The companies

Director at Dentsu, Inc., Japan's largest advertising and marketing company and the fifth largest branding agency in the world.

Meanwhile, PR and marketing consultancy AVIAREPS Marketing Gardens was selected to continue as the MVA's rep-

resentative in Korea, Taiwan, and Russia, while communications agency Skywalker Communications Group will represent the MVA in China.

So far this fiscal year, the Northern Mariana Islands have received 428,225 visitors, a 4-percent increase over the same period last year. (PR)

Bordallo requests assistance on deportation of migrant criminals

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo yesterday wrote to Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina to request assistance regarding the removal of FAS migrants who have been convicted of crimes on Guam.

She urged Kia'aina to set up a meeting where appropriate federal entities could coordinate with the U.S. Departments of State and Homeland Security and the Embassies of the FAS governments to discuss policy options to manage and remove individuals from the FAS who have been convicted of crimes back to their country of origin.

Bordallo underscored that increased focus must be di-

rected from the federal government to reduce the burdens these criminals place on our community. She urged Kia'aina to work with State, DHS, and the FAS governments to de-

velop an intergovernmental agreement that would increase focus on removing individuals who have been convicted of crimes back to their country of origin, similar to how DHS focuses on the removal of citizens from other nations on the mainland.

"Many FAS citizens who live in Guam contribute positively to our community and reflect the values and ideals that make our island strong.

The Compacts are agreements between the U.S. and FAS nations and therefore the Federal government must be more responsive to Governor Calvo and the need of our local stakeholders on this important issue. When migrants break the law and are convicted of crimes, they violate the intent of the Compacts and should no longer be allowed to stay in our country. I understand the burdens these individuals place on our local government as well as Governor Calvo's intention to remove them from Guam. I believe that greater federal attention must be

given to remove FAS citizens convicted of crimes back to their nation of origin, just as the Department of Homeland Security prioritizes removing other foreign criminals in the mainland back to their home countries. I am confident that Assistant Secretary Kia'aina will work with the State Department, DHS, and the embassies of the FAS governments to set-up a meeting to have meaningful discussions that could lay the groundwork to develop intergovernmental agreements to address this problem. I look forward to working with her to resolve this issue and provide solutions that will make the Compacts more sustainable in the long-term." (PR)

its sleepy economy. The mayor emphasized that prospects are bright for the island's economic program which is not expected to take off unless Rota's air transportation woes, including absence of sufficient infrastructure, are addressed.

September 14, 2004

'NMI did not authorize anyone to mint legal tender coins'

The CNMI government is looking into reports that a U.S. company is widely advertising a silver coin commemorating the World Trade Center in a manner that may mislead the public that the coin can be used for legal tender. The CNMI government maintained that it has no authority to mint legal tender coins. The National Collectors Mint Inc., which has been marketing the "2004 'Freedom Tower' Silver Dollar," is the same company that previously made a misleading advertisement on 1933 Gold Double Eagle mint coins bearing the name and seal of the CNMI. This time, National Collectors Mint Inc. claimed that the Freedom Tower coin was created using silver from Ground Zero, the site where the World Trade Center towers fell Sept. 11, 2001. Steven Newman, Gov. Juan N. Babauta's legal counsel, said he had tasked SoftSky, the company it had authorized to mint commemorative coins bearing the name or representation of the Commonwealth, to look into National Collectors Mint's misleading advertisement.

CHC parking lot expansion project underway

To improve and provide more parking spaces at the hospital, the Department of Public Health said yesterday that its parking lot expansion project is now underway and is expected to be completed within eight months. According to DPH Secretary James U. Hofsneider, the construction of the project will be handled by contractor AIC Marianas Inc. Hofsneider ex-

Falling fuel prices result in FAC decrease

Following a decrease in the average fuel prices, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will decrease the Fuel Adjustment Charge pass-through rate, previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause.

The FAC rate of \$0.13924 per kWh will decrease to \$0.13232 per kWh effective September 1, 2016. As a result, residential customers who use 500 kWh of power per month will pay approximately \$3.46 less in their monthly billing.

CUC first instituted LEAC in 2009 to recover fuel and fuel related costs, a system also used by power providers in Guam and the Virgin Islands. In May 2015, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) authorized CUC to change the name of LEAC to FAC to provide customers a more accurate description of the rate.

The FAC is used to purchase fuel and serves as one of the two components that

make up a CUC power bill. The second rate component is the electric base rate, which is used to fund operations, projects, and debt servicing.

CPUC granted CUC the ability to adjust the FAC rate based on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) monthly pricing equals or exceeds a 4.5 percent differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the FAC rate.

CPUC conducts periodic reviews of CUC's fuel charges to ensure that consumers pay no more or less than the actual cost of fuel. CNMI consumers have experienced an almost 54-percent decline compared to the fuel rate in mid-2014.

CUC is a non-profit autonomous agency of the CNMI government which provides electric power, water, and wastewater services to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. (PR)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Happy first birthday Fatima Delia Maratita Camacho! May your special day and every other day bring you as much happiness as you bring to all of us. We love you so much Fati!

plained that, once complete, parking space at the Commonwealth Health Center will increase by 62 percent. The lot currently accommodates 232 parking spaces, with seven handicap parking spaces.

September 14, 2005

Senate passes tax amnesty bill

Just a year after it passed a tax amnesty bill, the Legislature again approved a similar measure, granting delinquent taxpayers an amnesty for 180 days. The Senate, in a session yesterday morning, concurred with the House of Representatives and passed House Bill 14-372 or the tax amnesty bill—the third of its kind since the 12th Legislature. How the bill will fare at the Governor's Office remains to be seen. Gov. Juan N. Babauta, in signing into law the last tax amnesty bill, had told the Legislature last year that he will not approve any more such bills. In September 2004, the government enacted Public Law 14-28, which gave tax delinquents a 120-day chance to settle their obligations without paying interests and penalties. During the 12th Legislature, the government passed P.L. 12-51, which gave similar privileges to tax evaders.

Northwest asked to get up satellite hub in CNMI

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is wooing Northwest Airlines to further expand operations in the Northern Marianas by establishing a satellite hub at the Saipan International Airport. CPA executive director Carlos Salas said the Saipan airport could serve as a "congestion reliever" for Northwest's Tokyo hub, which is the airline's transfer point for its flights within Asia and the Pacific. The small number of flights leaves a lot of idle time at the Saipan airport. CPA and Northwest need only to work out flight schedule matters once the airline decides in favor of the ports authority's suggestion.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

September 14, 2000

CNMI may get help on rising fuel prices

The commerce department is now in the process of collecting data on the importation of petroleum products into the Northern Marianas, which may intensify government efforts to minimize the effects of rising fuel prices on the local economy. The commerce department's move came following a request for information from a regional advisory group that deals with the importation of petroleum products, according to Central Statistics Division acting Director Isidro R. Ogarto. Mr. Ogarto said his office is now coordinating with concerned government agencies to fast-track the collection of the needed information in order to facilitate the assistance offered by the Petroleum Advisory Council. Analysts predict that wholesalers may soon pass on the added cost to retailers. End-consumers will eventually be burdened to carry the additional expense through increased shelf prices of commodities.

Mayor: Fast-track airport runway construction

Rota Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona is urging the Commonwealth Ports Authority to expedite the bidding process for the rehabilitation of the island's airport runway, which was recently given the go-signal by the Federal Aviation Administration. The mayor said fast-tracked completion of the Rota International Airport's runway would provide the needed boost to the island's tourism industry, thereby, allowing the growth of

BSI-CSR, BECQ partner for 2nd Int'l Coastal Cleanup

For the second year in a row, Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility will partner with the CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality in the massive beach cleanup this Saturday, Sept. 17.

The BECQ-led International Coastal Cleanup will be held simultaneously in multiple locations. This will be from 8am to 10am.

"We are extremely grateful for Best Sunshine's continued support and participation in our annual International Coastal Cleanup. [Last year] volunteers from Garapan Elementary School's MyWave Club and Kagman High School's Marine Biology Class joined Best Sunshine's coastal cleanup from Oleai beach to 13 Fishermen Monument," said Jihan Buniag, BECQ education and outreach coordinator.

"The group collected over 200 lbs of trash and had the most number of volunteers. This year we are aiming to increase the number of par-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

In this file photo of the 2015 International Coastal Cleanup, Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility went all out in the massive beach cleanup. They are hoping to surpass last year's trash collection.

icipants across the island," Buniag added.

Last year an estimated 1,300 individuals participated in the International Coastal Cleanup and in total collected an esti-

mated of 2.7 tons of trash. The ICC focuses on the prevention of the accumulation of trash and debris on beaches that poses serious threat to marine life, wildlife, and the health of the residents.

Since the launch last year, Best Sunshine International has also expanded its commitment to the ICC by adopting five beaches throughout the islands and have conducted its own massive beach cleanups.

The upcoming Sept. 17 cleanup is "a reaffirmation of the company's commitment to the program," according to Geri Dela Cruz, BSI-CSR executive director.

"Best Sunshine's CSR team



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Scouring the water of debris and trash, BSI-CSR staff has partnered with the Bureau of Environmental Coastal Quality for this Saturday's 2nd International Coastal Cleanup.

continues to contribute to the Adopt-A-Beach program and the upcoming cleanup on Sept. 17th is one that fulfills

our commitment as well allow us to participate in the annual International Coastal Cleanup with BECQ. We encourage

the community to join us this weekend at any of our five locations," Dela Cruz added.

Various members of the BSI-CSR team will be stationed throughout the island and will participate in the clean up: picking up trash, left over debris, and collecting data that will be used in culling information and statistics by BECQ.

Volunteers are welcome to assist alongside the BSI-CSR team at the five beach sites: 13 Fishermen Beach, San Antonio Beach, Pau Pau Beach, Tank Beach, and Wing Beach. Food and beverages will be provided at each location for all volunteers. (PR)

Pacific welcomes NZ PM's future of fisheries funding

Pohnpei, FSM—A funding injection announced last Sept. 9 by the Prime Minister of New Zealand, John Key, in Pohnpei will provide a significant boost for a Pacific Roadmap aimed at ensuring sustainable development in Pacific Island fisheries.

Visiting Micronesia for the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting, Key has announced NZ\$12.15 million to support sustainable coastal fisheries and aquaculture in the region.

The Pacific Community, through its Coastal and Oceanic Fisheries Programmes, will partner with the Forum Fisheries Agency and New Zealand's Ministry for Primary Industries to implement the two new five-year initiatives.

The "Improving fisheries food security and sustainable livelihoods for Pacific Island communities" project will focus on improving fisheries governance in nations across the Pacific.

The "Sustainable Pacific Aquaculture Development" project will involve technical and scientific support for Pacific Islands to build business

acumen, reduce aquatic biosecurity risks and increase the uptake of improved aquaculture practices.

"The contribution of New Zealand and Australia enables Pacific nations to step up action on the commitments and goals set by Pacific leaders; for their oceanic and coastal fisheries," FFA Director General, James Movick, said at the launch, attended also by the Pacific Community director-general Dr. Colin Tukuitonga.

In welcoming the announcement by Key, Tukuitonga said the scale of the projects will make it possible to address complex issues affecting food security in Pacific Island communities.

"Over the next five years, we can expect to see traditional knowledge combined with new science to alleviate food security stress and improve health outcomes, for example through increasing the consumption of fresh fish, not tinned, to reduce the rates of non-communicable diseases," Tukuitonga said.

At the 46th Forum, New Zealand committed a total of

NZ\$50 million to support fisheries management, and the work involved is well under way.

"FFA has appreciated working closely with New Zealand over the past six months to design several large scale projects to implement the FOF Roadmap, especially in terms of reforming the longline fishery for south Pacific albacore and improving catch documentation and port inspection standards," Movick said.

"These new coastal and aquaculture projects complement that and stand to deliver a substantial benefit to fisheries management and development as a whole."

The action to be led by SPC in the aquaculture project falls within the Coastal Fisheries Report card, while SPC's Oceanic Fisheries Programme supports the technical work and engagement of FFA in the Tuna Fisheries Report card.

"The blend of goals and strategies in the Tuna and Coastal fisheries sectors provide the basis for report card updates. What is also clear is the commitments from Australia and New Zealand in these

high-level spaces ensure traction and resourcing for Pacific nations to ensure they achieve the Fisheries they want," FFA's director general said.

The new coastal fisheries project will involve empowering fisheries staff and communities to implement more effective coastal fisheries and aquaculture management and Monitoring Control and Surveillance through updated legislation, better awareness of regulations and working closely together.

Anticipated outcomes of the five-year aquaculture project include more productive and economically sustainable aquaculture operations for species such as sea cucumber, seaweed and tilapia.

Increased uptake and adoption of improved aquaculture practices and better protection against biosecurity threats are also expected outcomes.

Tukuitonga said SPC was grateful for New Zealand Aid Programme support which made possible vital work to support inclusive and sustainable development in the Pacific. (PR)

320 species in new guide to edible coastal fish in Pacific Islands

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—The Pacific Community has released a new, comprehensive guide to common coastal food fish of the Pacific Islands to assist fisheries officers in identifying species during surveys of catches and at fish markets.

Two years in the making, the waterproof identification guide contains approximately 320 of the most commonly targeted bony fish species, including emperors, groupers, snappers, parrotfish and surgeonfish, along with coastal sharks and rays.

It was produced with funding support from the Australian Government and the European Union through the 'Scientific Support for the Management of Coastal and Oceanic Fisheries in the Pacific Islands Region' (SciCO-Fish) initiative.

Copies of the guide will be distributed to fisheries agencies across the region.

"Catches of coastal finfish in the Pacific region are typically characterised by a wide variety of species from many different taxonomic families," SPC Coastal Fisheries scientist and co-author of the guide Dr. Brad Moore said.

"Often even closely-related species exhibit vastly different life histories, particularly with respect to growth rates, maturity schedules and longevities, which mean they may have vastly different vulnerabilities to fishing pressure," Moore said.

"Being able to accurately identify harvested species will improve reporting on catches, improving monitoring of coastal fisheries in the region and ultimately lead to more effective management," Moore said.

Co-author and SPC graphic designer, Boris Colas, led the production of the color illustrations and photos in the guide.

In addition to a high-resolution photo, information on each species includes its scientific and common English names, a description of key identifying features, the species' likely presence or absence from individual Pacific Island countries and territories, and, where relevant, notes on how to distinguish similar-looking species.

As the guide is intended to aid fisheries officers identify species encountered during their catch or market surveys, it was considered important to include photos of dead fish (where possible), rather than in-water images, as these would be similar to the size and colors of fishes that officers will encounter during their surveys.

The bulk of species photos for the identification guide were provided by renowned ichthyologist and fish photographer John Randall with additional images provided by researchers and amateur fish photographers from locations as far afield as Australia, Canada, Japan, and the United States. (PR)

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A sign for Syria: US-Russia plan could steer the war to end

The United States and Russia have put forward proposals that could begin to bring to an end the horrible slaughter in Syria that has continued for more than five years.

The craftsmen of the proposal were U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. They are the same two who led the way in bringing home the agreement between the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council (China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States) plus Germany and Iran, exchanging Iran's nuclear weapons program for international economic sanctions against it. The two reached agreement in Geneva.

The first critical piece of the accord is a "cessation of hostilities" that was to begin Monday at sundown. A second military step will be the establishment Sept. 19 of a joint U.S.-Russian implementation center. It will begin by coordinating U.S. and Russian military strikes in Syria against forces of the Islamic State and Jabbat Fateh al-Sham, formerly known as the Nusra Front, Islamist organizations that both nations and the government of President Bashar Assad in Syria oppose.

The devil of these agreements is always in the details, but, in this case, the principal enemy of implementation is the plethora of national and international parties to the conflict, active to different degrees. International parties involved include Iran, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

To begin with, on a positive note, Russia states that the Syrian government is ready to fulfill the measures in the U.S.-Russian accord. Its forces, say the Russians, upon whom the Syrian government is dependent to a degree for its military capacity, will end combat missions into specified opposition-occupied areas. These include at least part of Aleppo, Syria's largest city and a charnel house of recent killing.

Some of the hydra-headed Syrian opposition has voiced cautious approval of the U.S.-Russian proposals. The United States is on the hook to deliver the agreement of the Syrian opposition groups that depend on American aid, including Kurdish forces.

The European Union has called on the United Nations, led by U.N. Special Envoy Staffan de Mistura, to prepare a proposal for a political transition in Syria that could lead from the U.S.-Russian measures to a total end to the civil war. It has continued for five years. An estimated 400,000 have died, many of them children. Another estimated 5 million Syrians have fled the country, stripping it and creating problems in countries of refuge.

The question now is whether Syrians and the rest of the world have finally reached the point of concluding, first, that Syrians have suffered enough, and, second, that the problems in Syria are not susceptible to being resolved by more fighting. It is possible that that point has now been reached.



Sueddun Hutnalerus

I sueddun popple, mafanana'an "poverty income level" ni federat. Gaige este na sueddgi \$24-Mit giakan para dos membro gi familia yan \$26-Mit para kuattru.

Segun ripot gaseta, guaha 51 pot sientu na empleau mangiye guine na eskalera. Kumeke ilegña na ti magagana mas ke \$26-Mit giakan. Lamayot gi empleau manmamagñu' gi halum fache' popple na sueddgi.

Esta mas ke 20 años parerehu ha' i sueddgi. Gi mismu tiempu i familia umespihan mamaisa siha taimanu 'nai para umasusteni linala' niha gi halum te'ug na sapet pineble pot diskuidun manma'gas iya Marianas.

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Rekueddun Republican

Guaha 'nai mafaisenyu' haf' na ti hu sapopotta industrian casino para este siha na perlas. Gi tadtuñg na patte gi konsensiaghuhu tuñg' na este na industria siempre ha destrosia tradision natibu, petmanente. Adumididi' kulan kanset. Siempre funas todutradision tanu'.

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Ha baba este un' tailaye na chalan 'nai i manma'gas bendidu antin niha 'nai ni uno u muebague' para u akude chinatsagan natibu. Potput na sueddgi. De hemunos ni pinadesin tautau gi señgoñ siha. Mas popble kinalamten mayotmiente gi familia. Mayute' interes publiku pot interes betsan niha.

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Hombre i poka lamegai ha yamag na linala' familia pa'gu piot ya umatope yan usun amot binenu. Huli' e klaru este na pinadesi ya lastima appottunidat niha umadelanta ha'anen niha.

Ti listuyu' dumestrosia tradisionta yan futtunan famaguonta!

Manu Hechura...

Guaha finu' man-amku' pot pinayun petsonat: "Manu hechura esta i seputtura!" Yangin un' fa'fafayimu che'chu' achibau, pues entalu' traision yan tinailaye 'nai sessu hau matompu' diariu.

Makat un' petsige un' asuntu ni siña bumenefisia mismu prohimumu. Todu i tiemp i para un' laime pot interesmu. Daños hau na tautau piot gi che'chu' linahan.

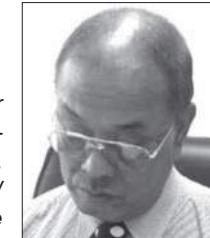
Sifaha' ma-elihe hau offisiat. Lau i pinayonmu gaige ha' petmanente kulan anineñgrmu gi santatte. Estake un' madispone siempre utimona un' batañga halum gi naftanmu haf' pinayonmu: Manu hechura esta i seputtura!

Katma gi halum rimulinu

Teniga hu dandan suabe na pianu pat gitala mientras mananaitai sino mamañgge'yu' gi chagchag og'gan pat lemlem tautau.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Katma yan bonitu na dandan i muna' mamansu i mitituka' na asunton ni hu estudiadiaye.

I dandan inakompaña manbonitu na litratun lugat siha gi chagu'. Desde kantun tasi, plaset fangualu' ni dañkulu, ga'ga' siha gi pastahen yan i hegsu', likidu na hatdin Japones, flores sakura giya Japon pat Washington, D.C., yan otru siha lugat.

Sessu ha kone'yu' dos lugat: dañkulu na fangualu yan hatdin Japones. I fina' gualu' giya America miyas pot miyas 'nai un' li'e fuetsan manguagualu'. Gi un' kinisecha nahuñg ganansia yan materiat para metkau enteru elmundu.

I dikiki' na hatdin gai areglu desde mapegan achiu', tinanum siha, finalagun hanum yan difirientes kulot guihan gi halum sadog dikiki'. I para un' fatachoñgi un' banda nahuñg para u inakompaña hinsassomu guatu gi katman tasi.

Paguan Malumot

Maseha haf' na asuntu malagnos gi supin tasi publikamente ya gai minagahet siempre i mantineteka maninestotba seriosamente. Era, masiente na guaha dumedeka' i pisun fondun niha ni maresisibe kada mes.

Matuñgu' na malagnos pau malumot gi hiyuñg i kestatñsa' sa' hagas lamas i sinaguñaña. Mañgunanaf manadan ulu' ya makat manmatiges sa' inipus minegaiña. Lau hagas makena'na' ya manginacha' induktu. Mampos mi-ilu' ya mattu gi mutuñg i malumot.

Yangin gi uttimu besis hineggi hau ni konseptun pañglau pues anog na hagu mismu humalan maisa hau papa'. Ti umahñau siempre u fattu este na namamahlau giya hagu. Si Iku!

Presiun Fektus

Mamamaila' mahatsan presiun nesessidat siha gigun maapprueba i nuebu na apas kahun katga (containers) ni Port of Guam. Kasi kahulu' kada kahun katga siete pot sientu na biahe.

I tautau siha gi kada isla para u kinatga este na hatsada gi mafafahan na attikulu siha para mantension familia. Mas makat para i mangaige giya Tinian piof Luta.

Lau guaha hahuñgog sabiun karisu man-offresi kumu promesan politika na para u utut presiun fektus siha giya Luta. Un' ratu ha', kau in'lili'e guennau si Sen. Steve Mesñgon ya u eksplika gi mañeluta giya papa' manu china planuña?

I asuntun gai tine'ug pot maluñu' gi estomagun yan linala' familia. Mauleg señot un' atetutye haf' ineppe mu nu este na attikulu. Yangin atrasasau un' petsige, mauleg kasi un' upus bumiahe para Tinian ya un' tunug gi tanu' 'nai siña dibuenamente un' chogue che'cho' mu.

Che'chu' Eskrebiente

Guaha bumbaruye na ayu bisioghu i umemutuñg. Ahe', hagas See SUEDDUN on Page 11

Sorry, no easy answers for Chicago homicides

Hey, more than 500 people have been murdered in Chicago this year," says one of my conservative friends. "I can't wait to see what you write about that."

Why? You didn't listen to me the last time. Are you really listening or just waiting for your own turn to complain?

"Jeez, why are you so touchy?"

I'm just tired of hearing your usual one-note analysis and solution: Black people are having too many babies out of wedlock. Hey, do you ever ask what happened to the jobs that used to enable workers to support a family? Do you ever notice how the poverty, crime, opiate addiction and out-of-wedlock birth rates are growing among poor whites, too? When are you people going to pull yourselves up by your bootstraps?

"Hey, you don't think fathers are important?"

POEM

a limerick languishing lewd language used by RP President Duterte

By JOSEPH B. CONNOLY

Philippine President Rodrigo (Rody) Duterte known to be foul mouthed and speak dirty called US President Barack Obama an S.O.B. across the Philippine Sea, he said, "who is he?" and then he said, "tell that to everybody."

Joseph "Pepe Batbon" Connolly is a retired CNMI PSS teacher who taught English on Tinian and Saipan from 1984 to 2014. He currently enjoys studying cosmology, Asian poetry, and life on Tinian.

Of course, we're important. But where are you going to find all the marriageable black men to fulfill your dream?

"Hey, OK, I'm listening. Tell me what you would do about the killers roaring out of control in Obama's adopted hometown."

Hey, that's President Barack Obama, pal. Respect. Look, 500 murders and it's only September? There's a horrible thing. But it's not a first. Violent crime is like a Zika virus. You don't know when or where it's going to surge but you have to deal with it when it does.

We've been through this before. I was covering Chicago cops as a young reporter in 1974 when murders in Chicago peaked at 970 — or about 29 per 100,000 — after rising for more than 10 years. And I remember when murders peaked again in 1992, this time at 943 or 34 per 100,000.

You could almost hear the rejoicing in December 2004, when the Chicago Tribune headlined: "City murder toll lowest in decades." For the first time in almost four decades, there were fewer than 500 murders in Chicago. Break out the champagne.

"So what's that got to do with this year?"

First, it tells you that we've dealt with crime waves before. One reason murders look so high is because violent crime overall, including murder, has dropped since the 1990s. Second, everybody talks about how Chicago homicides this year outnumber those in New York and Los Angeles combined. But a number of smaller cities like Milwaukee and Houston have had big increases this year, too. So far, it's not a national trend, but it's not a uniquely Chicago problem either. There is no single, one-stop, one-size-fits-all diagnosis or prescription.

"Yeah, but you're not talking about Black Lives Matter and kids with cellphone cameras waging war on the police. The cops are afraid to get out of their patrol cars for fear of winding up on YouTube."

Frankly, some of them should fear winding up on YouTube, considering what we've seen on YouTube already.

But I notice you're not talking about how New York's Mayor Bill de Blasio pulled back on the city's aggressive stop-and-frisk profiling policy on the streets last year. Conservatives howled,

but so far homicides have continued to decline.

"So you want to coddle the criminals and wage war on police?"

No, quite the opposite. I want to see more cops on the street, working in cooperation with local residents and community leaders. Community policing works, if you do it right.

Unfortunately, Chicago police are undermanned and pulling lots of overtime. The city and state are deep in debt, and, as much as Mayor Rahm Emanuel talks about hiring more cops, nobody knows where he's going to get the money except from taxpayers who are feeling pretty tapped out already.

Ah, so, once again Democrats are screwing up our cities.

I know you'd like to make this a partisan issue, but it's not that simple either.

"Hey, Donald Trump recently said Chicago police could solve the city's crime problem 'in a week.'"

Oh, yeah? How? Is he going to give gangbangers scholarships to Trump University?

"No," he says the police only have to be "very much tougher" than they are now.

Oh, gimme a break. This is a guy who claims he knows "more about ISIS than the generals." Now he thinks he knows more than Chicago's police?

"He says one of Chicago's 'very top police' told him and Trump says he believed the guy '100 percent.'"

Right. That would make Trump as gullible as he hopes the voters will be in November.

By RUSS MASON, M.S.

Special to the Saipan Tribune



For the better part of a decade, Russ Mason wrote for a medical journal, Alternative & Complementary Therapies. His principal assignment was to interview a physician or other health care practitioner about new and important treatments, as well as diet and nutrition. Prior to that, he worked at NBC in New York for 16 years, often as a writer for their television programs.

sages from Hillary to Mrs. Rothschild in which Mrs. Clinton casts herself in a decidedly subservient role.

For conspiracy buffs this makes sense because the Rothschilds are the most powerful family in the world. Their net worth is estimated to be \$500 trillion. They either own or control every bank in the world, including ours. They have extraordinary power and influence, so it's little wonder that Hillary kneeled, via email, to Mrs. Rothschild.

One can easily infer that the Rothschilds are counting on Hillary to become the next president; someone whom they can manipulate and control. But if she is replaced on the ticket, or—even more egregious to—if Donald Trump wins the election, then the Rothschilds will have to come up with another plan for global domination.

Because the Rothschilds have such pervasive and powerful influence, they are rarely mentioned in the media. One has to seek out information from alternative news sites, and even then information is not always available.

Dr. Michael Savage is an author and conservative talk show host. His most recent book is "Scorched Earth: Restoring the Country After Obama."

I am not a fan of Dr. Savage, ever since he stated that all gays should "get AIDS and die." He has tempered his rhetoric slightly, but still intensely dislikes President Obama and claims that our president has deliberately destroyed the country. Savage claims that the USA has disintegrated into "a Third World nation of riots, mobs, terrorism and chaos."

Savage goes on to say that Trump is our only choice; that it's life under Trump and death under Clinton. Savage also states that Obama has deliberately destroyed the USA by a variety of means – primarily our open borders and the influx of undesirable foreigners. According to Savage, Obama has admitted over 100 thousand Somali and Syrian refugees, all without visas. Is this true? I don't know, but I do know that our southern border hasn't been secured for years and that the U.S. Border Patrol is under orders to "stand down." It's a mess.

It is further speculated that, if elected, Mrs. Clinton will continue Obama's policies, which will bring about the end of the USA as it exists, and a North American Union—with Canada

Mattuyu' para baina' gasgas i mahasñgune na tinailaye kontra i maninosiente yan tai esperansa.

Soluke i amiguhu payun mampos ni mutoñgña mismu mina' tiha ñgiñgiñge'-gue' namaisa! Tailaye na lamas yan malumot ya debi tana' suha gi ha'nen linahyan. Taimanu umemutuñg-yu'

na hagas gaige gi halum i señgsoñg i mituñg?

Rimotke hau amigu yan un' ayuda mismu tautaumu lumi'e manana na kinahulu' atdau, gasgas yan fresku na mañglu', yan klaru na mapagahe gi enteru señgsoñg iya Luta. Todu mumirese homlu' yan gasgas na hinaguñg!

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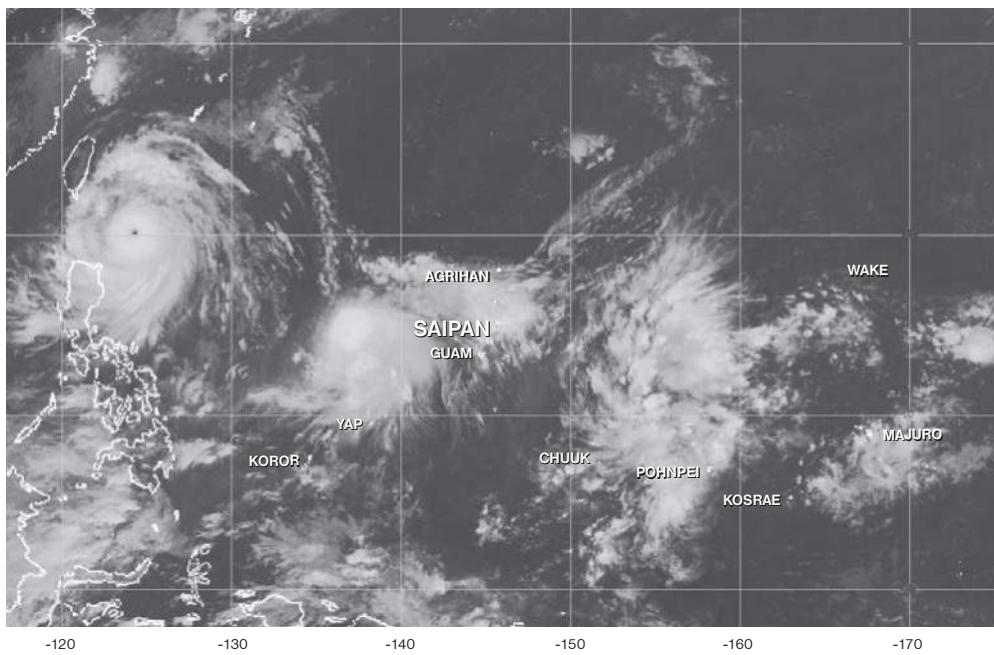
The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East to southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers and a chance of thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:10 AM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Mostly cloudy skies, gentle winds and isolated showers prevail over the Marianas this morning. A tropical disturbance is seen on satellite to the east of the area. Tropical Storm 18W is well west of the islands and continues to move away from the Marianas. A more stable pattern is over the Marianas this morning, with only isolated showers and gentle winds over the area. Weak low-level convergence over the area will maintain mostly cloudy skies and the risk of thunderstorms through tonight. On Wednesday, a weak tropical disturbance, currently located north of Pohnpei, will approach the islands, bringing cloudy skies and scattered showers back to the area. Drier conditions will then return Thursday afternoon or evening as the disturbance continues westward into the Philippine Sea.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▼	▲
Guam and Rota	Heavy rain	82 / 87 °F	
Palau	Mostly cloudy	82 / 87 °F	
Yap	Strong thunderstorms	81 / 92 °F	
Chuuk	Strong thunderstorms	80 / 89 °F	
Pohnpei	Partly sunny	77 / 88 °F	
Kosrae	Morning clouds	84 / 89 °F	
Majuro	Partly cloudy	84 / 88 °F	

AROUND THE GLOBE		
Auckland	Partly cloudy	54 / 63 °F
Beijing	Morning clouds	60 / 87 °F
Hong Kong	Morning clouds	79 / 91 °F
Honolulu	Mostly sunny	74 / 83 °F
London	Partly cloudy	68 / 85 °F
Los Angeles	Morning clouds	57 / 72 °F
Manila	Partly sunny	80 / 87 °F
Melbourne	Mostly cloudy	50 / 57 °F
Miami	Partly cloudy	81 / 88 °F
New York	Mostly sunny	70 / 87 °F
Osaka	Mostly cloudy	71 / 80 °F
Paris	Partly cloudy	68 / 87 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	68 / 77 °F
Rome	Partly cloudy	61 / 85 °F
Salem	Sunny	45 / 81 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	57 / 67 °F
Seoul	Morning clouds	63 / 84 °F
Tokyo	Mostly cloudy	71 / 78 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly sunny	69 / 90 °F

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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		
4:49 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.76 Feet
11:49 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.02 Feet
6:30 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.87 Feet
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SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:06 AM	6:19 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:19 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:18 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:17 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:16 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	4:18 PM	3:18 AM
Thursday	5:07 PM	4:15 AM
Friday	5:56 PM	5:13 AM
Saturday	6:44 PM	6:12 AM
Sunday	7:33 PM	7:11 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			

Island Snapshots



JOB READINESS PROGRAM

CMNI Women's Association Job Readiness participants with the CWA team and their Northern Marianas College-Community Development Institute instructor.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



CWA Job Readiness participants busy filling out job applications and filling out resume forms.



DISPLAY OF CULTURE

Arts and crafts of the Federated States of Micronesia and other cultures are sold at the International Festival of Cultures on Sept. 3, 2016.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Festival-goers of all ages enjoy the Japanese game "kendama" at the International Festival of Cultures on Sept. 3, 2016



An off-island women's choir representing the Korean community prepare to perform at the International Festival of Cultures on Sept. 3, 2016.

GLUSHKO STARTS ANEW AT MCS

This past week, Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts held its first classes at its new location on the Mount Carmel School Campus.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Business

In historic move, California expands overtime to farmworkers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Farmworkers in the nation's largest agricultural state will be entitled to the same overtime pay as most other hourly workers under a law that California Gov. Jerry Brown said Monday that he had signed.

The new law, which will be phased in beginning in 2019, is the first of its kind in the nation to end the 80-year-old practice of applying separate labor rules to agricultural laborers.

In the state where Cesar Chavez successfully rallied farmworkers to demand union rights and more dignified working conditions, the legislation, AB1066, will gradually lower the number of hours that ranch hands and people who tend crops must work before accruing additional compensation.

Farmworkers will be entitled to time-and-a-half pay after eight hours in a day or 40 hours in a week, up from 10 hours a day or 60 a week. The



new rules will take full effect in 2022 for most businesses and in 2025 for farms with 25 or fewer employees.

"The hundreds of thousands of men and women who work in California's fields, dairies and ranches feed the world and anchor our economy," Assemblywoman Lorena Gon-

zalez, D-San Diego, the bill's author, said in a statement. "They will finally be treated equally under the law."

The measure passed after a strong push by the politically powerful United Farm Workers. Farming groups warned it will cause severe hardships for one of California's largest

industries.

Farm work, marked by crushing workloads during specific periods, has long been exempted from some of the labor standards enacted by the federal government beginning in the 1930s, including overtime pay.

Beginning in the 1960s,

Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, D-San Diego, rejoices as her bill requiring farmworkers to receive overtime pay after working eight hours was approved by the Assembly Monday, Aug. 29, 2016, in Sacramento, Calif.

Chavez brought laborers together and formed the United Farm Workers in California's Central Valley, making California the epicenter of their struggle. He used the rallying cry "si se puede," or "yes we can," and became a celebrated civil rights leader, particularly among Latinos.

Brown, a Democrat, signed the historic bill granting farmworkers the right to unionize when he was governor in 1975. He has declined to comment on the overtime legislation all year and declined again Monday through spokeswoman Deborah Hoffman.

California was the first state to give farmworkers collective bargaining rights, workers

compensation and unemployment service. The state also requires that employers provide rest breaks and access to water and shade.

However, farmworkers were again exempted when the state guaranteed overtime pay after eight hours in a day, not just 40 hours in a week, in 1999.

Opponents argued the seasonal nature of farm labor, with long hours crucial to sow and harvest during specific weather and growing periods, does not lend itself to overtime.

They said the legislation would raise costs for farmers and make it more difficult for them to compete with rivals in other states and countries.

The obligation to care for animals "doesn't always adhere to an eight-hour day, 40-hour work week," said Justin Oldfield, vice president of government relations for the California Cattlemen's Association.

Study details sugar industry attempt to shape science

NEW YORK (AP)—The sugar industry began funding research that cast doubt on sugar's role in heart disease—in part by pointing the finger at fat—as early as the 1960s, according to an analysis of newly uncovered documents.

The analysis published Monday is based on correspondence between a sugar trade group and researchers at Harvard University, and is the latest example showing how food and beverage makers at-

tempt to shape public understanding of nutrition.

In 1964, the group now known as the Sugar Association internally discussed a campaign to address "negative attitudes toward sugar" after studies began emerging linking sugar with heart disease,

according to documents dug up from public archives. The following year the group approved "Project 226," which entailed paying Harvard researchers today's equivalent

of \$48,900 for an article reviewing the scientific literature, supplying materials they wanted reviewed, and receiving drafts of the article.

The resulting article published in 1967 concluded there was "no doubt" that reducing cholesterol and saturated fat was the only dietary intervention needed to prevent heart disease. The researchers overstated the consistency of the literature on fat and cholesterol, while downplaying stud-

ies on sugar, according to the analysis.

"Let me assure you this is

quite what we had in mind and we look forward to its appearance in print," wrote an employee of the sugar industry group to one of the authors.

The sugar industry's funding and role were not disclosed when the article was published by the New England Journal of Medicine. The journal did not begin requesting author disclosures until 1984.

DALLAS (AP)—An engine fan blade that showed signs of metal fatigue broke off, causing the emergency landing of a Southwest Airlines jet last month, investigators say.

The plane landed safely in Florida after shrapnel from the broken engine hit the fuselage, leaving a 5-inch by 16-inch hole in the outer layer of aluminum above the left wing and causing the plane to lose cabin pressure.

The National Transportation Safety Board released the details in an update Monday to its investigation of the Aug. 27 incident.

In an emailed statement, a spokeswoman for Dallas-based Southwest said the airline was "continuing to work closely with the NTSB on the investigation of this unique and extremely rare event."

The spokeswoman, Lisa Tiller, said repairs have begun on the plane but no date was known for its return to flying. She declined to comment further, saying Southwest would defer to the NTSB to provide more details about the incident.

Investigators said one blade

separated from the engine fan disk during the flight. The root of the blade stayed in place, but the rest broke off and was not recovered.

The NTSB said initial laboratory findings indicated that an area of the titanium-alloy blade stub about one inch long and one-fifth of an inch deep showed signs "consistent with fatigue crack growth."

The engine was made by CFM International, a joint venture of GE Aviation and French company Safran Aircraft Engines.

Richard Aboulafia, an analyst at aviation-research firm Teal Group, said advances in materials and manufacturing have made uncontained engine failures extremely rare, and both the Boeing 737 and the CFM engine have good records.

"Given the experience we have had with this aircraft and this engine, the odds of a systemic problem are basically nil," Aboulafia said. He said it's not necessary to inspect every CFM fan blade on all 737s unless the NTSB decides otherwise after completing its investigation.

Paris comes to Asia's casino hub Macau with new Sands resort

MACAU (AP)—The southern Chinese casino gambling powerhouse of Macau is getting a French twist.

U.S. billionaire Sheldon Adelson is set to throw open the doors Tuesday to the French-themed Parisian Macao, the mogul's fifth property in the former Portuguese colony.

The \$2.7 billion casino resort comes complete with a half-size replica of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. It's the second American-owned resort to launch in Macau in less than a month, following the mid-Au-

gust opening of Steve Wynn's \$4.2 billion Wynn Palace.

The opening comes just as the extended downturn in Macau's gambling revenues shows signs of bottoming out. Casino revenues rose 1.1 percent in August, the first monthly expansion after 26 straight months of declining growth.

The tiny enclave near Hong Kong is the only place in China where casinos are legal.

After years of supercharged growth that transformed Macau into the world's top casino gambling market, earnings

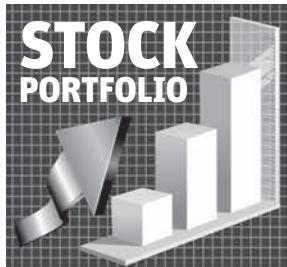
have slowed as China's economy decelerates and President Xi Jinping cracks down on corruption, crimping lavish spending by mainland Chinese high-rollers. Still, with annual gambling revenues last year of \$29 billion, its market is still about four times bigger than the Las Vegas Strip's.

Macau's gambling regulator recently granted the Parisian, operated by the Chinese unit of Adelson's Las Vegas Sands Corp., 100 new gambling tables for its launch and 50 more over the next two years. Another 310 tables will

be brought over from other Sands resorts, according to local news reports.

Attractions at the Parisian will include street performances by mimes and cancan dancers and a shopping mall modeled on the Champs-Elysees and other famed Paris streets.

Authorities want the city's six casino operators to diversify away from reliance on high-spending visitors by adding more family-friendly attractions to their new resorts, to help raise Macau's profile as an Asian tourist destination.



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EXCHANGE RATES

Australian Dollar	1.3277
British Pound	0.7511
Canadian Dollar	1.3063
Chinese Yuan	6.6797
Euro	0.8904

Hong Kong Dollar **7.7577**

Indian Rupee **66.723**

Indonesian Rupiah **13168**

Japanese Yen **101.865**

Malaysian Ringgit **4.1145**

New Zealand Dollar **1.3625**

Philippine Peso **47.48**

Singapore Dollar **1.3591**

South Korean Won **1116.2**

Swiss Franc **0.9723**

Taiwan Dollar **31.67**

Thailand Baht **34.86**

Nation

Clinton feels good, says she didn't pass out during stumble

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP)—Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton said Monday that she's feeling better since falling ill at a 9/11 memorial ceremony, but she never lost consciousness and didn't think her pneumonia diagnosis was significant enough to disclose beforehand.

Pneumonia symptoms

Anyone can get pneumonia. It's commonly a complication of a respiratory infection—especially the flu. Pneumonia symptoms can vary from mild to severe, depending on the type of pneumonia you have, and your age and health.

Common symptoms of pneumonia:

- Cough (with some pneumonias you may cough up greenish or yellow mucus, or even bloody mucus)
- Fever, which may be mild or high
- Shaking chills
- Shortness of breath, which may only occur when you climb stairs

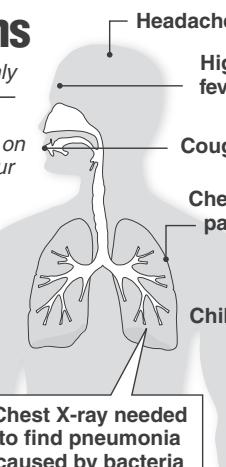
Additional symptoms may include:

- Sharp or stabbing chest pain that gets worse when you breathe deeply or cough
- Headache
- Excessive sweating and clammy skin
- Confusion, especially in older people

Symptoms also can vary, depending on whether your pneumonia is bacterial or viral.

- In **bacterial pneumonia**, your temperature may rise as high as 105 degrees F. This pneumonia causes profuse sweating, and rapidly increased breathing and pulse rate.
- The initial symptoms of **viral pneumonia** are the same as influenza symptoms: fever, a dry cough, headache, muscle pain and weakness. Within 12 to 36 hours, there is increasing breathlessness.

Source: American Lung Association Graphic: Staff, TNS



"I just didn't think it was going to be that big a deal," she said of the pneumonia diagnosis she received Friday. She told CNN's "Anderson Cooper 360" that despite doctor's orders to rest for five days, she thought she could "just keep going forward and power through it and that didn't work out



her staggering and eventually slumping forward before being held up by three people as she was helped into a van.

On Sunday, her campaign answered questions about Clinton's health and whereabouts with two short statements, both issued hours after she left the memorial in lower Manhattan. More than 20 hours later, her campaign gave a fuller accounting of the episode, which sparked a wave of bipartisan concern about her health and questions about her political transparency.

Clinton's husband, former president Bill Clinton, said in an interview Monday with PBS' Charlie Rose that Hillary Clinton was "doing fine" after a good night's sleep. He added that if there are more health problems that caused her apparent weakness, "then it's a mystery to me and all of her doctors."

He said that "on more than one occasion" over the years "the same sort of thing's happened to her when she got severely dehydrated."

Clinton said in the live telephone interview with CNN that she started to feel hot at the event, which took place on a muggy day in New York. There was little shade where Clinton was standing alongside other dignitaries.

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton arrives to attend a ceremony at the National September 11 Memorial, in New York, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016, on the 15th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

so well."

Clinton abruptly left the ceremony and appeared to stumble while she was waiting for her motorcade. Asked whether she fainted, Clinton replied: "No, I didn't. I felt dizzy and I did lose my balance for a minute. But I got in, once I could sit down, once I could cool off, once I got some water, I immediately started feeling better."

Later Tuesday, Clinton told supporters via text mes-

sage and Facebook, "I'm feeling fine and getting better," adding, "Like anyone who's ever been home sick from work, I'm just anxious to get back out there."

Clinton's evening interview, in which she promised to release more information at some point, came as her campaign scrambled to head off lasting damage from a difficult weekend. Aides are promising to release more of her medical records follow-

ing her bout of pneumonia and conceding they were too slow in providing information about her condition.

An outbreak of respiratory illness swept through Hillary Clinton's campaign in the weeks before she was diagnosed with pneumonia, campaign aides said Monday.

The Democratic presidential candidate abruptly left Sunday's event after feeling "overheated." A video later posted on Twitter showed

Trump stands up for backers even as rally scuffle breaks out

BALTIMORE (AP)—Donald Trump stood up for his supporters Monday against Hillary Clinton's remark that half of his supporters belonged in "a basket of deplorables," denouncing the comment as "an explicit attack on the American voter" and suggesting that it makes her unfit for the presidency.

But even as Trump defended his backers, one lashed out at protesters in the hall by appearing to punch and slap them. Trump talked through the scuffle. "While my opponent calls you deplorable and irredeemable," he said in Asheville, North Carolina, "I

call you hard-working American patriots who love their country and want a better future for all our people."

But his rally was interrupted several times by demonstrators and, at one moment, brief violence. As several protesters were being escorted out by security, a man in the crowd grabbed a male protester around the neck and then punched him. He then slapped at a woman being led out. The Trump supporter was not ejected by security.

The celebrity businessman talked through the scuffle but cracked after the disturbance, "Is there any place more fun

than a Trump rally?"

No stranger to making his own sweeping negative characterizations of large groups of people, Trump nonetheless deployed Clinton's remark as the foundation for a new campaign theme. The message: Clinton is divisive, while Trump is the only candidate representing "all Americans."

"You cannot run for president if you have such contempt in your heart for the American voter," Trump said. "You can't lead this nation if you have such a low opinion of its citizens."

In a speech earlier Monday to the National Guard Associ-

Mosque where Orlando gunman worshipped is set on fire

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP)—The mosque that Orlando nightclub gunman Omar Mateen attended was heavily damaged in an arson fire that Muslim leaders said was the latest incident in an escalating campaign of harassment and violence against the house of worship and its members.

Given the timing—Sunday's 15th anniversary of 9/11 and the start of the Muslim

holiday Eid al-Adha—investigators believe the blaze that broke out shortly before midnight Sunday at the Islamic Center of Fort Pierce may have been a hate crime, St. Lucie County sheriff's spokesman Maj. David Thompson said.

No one was injured. The fire burned a 10-by-10-foot (3-by-3-meter) hole in the roof at the back of the mosque's main building and blackened

its eaves with soot.

A surveillance video from the mosque showed a man on a motorcycle approaching the building with a bottle of liquid and some papers, then leaving when there was a flash and shaking his hand as though he may have burned it, Thompson said.

The arsonist "is terrorizing our community because we don't know where he is at and we don't know what he is ca-

pable of doing," said Wilfredo Amr Ruiz, a Florida spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

Mateen was killed by police after opening fire at the Pulse nightclub June 12 in a rampage that left 49 victims dead and 53 wounded. He professed allegiance to the Islamic State group. His father is among roughly 100 people who attend the mosque.

ACROSS THE NATION

9 dead in Memphis house fire, 1 child fighting for life

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Nine people—six children and three adults—died early Monday in Memphis' deadliest house fire in decades, and one other child is fighting for life at a hospital, authorities said. Firefighters initially spotted light smoke outside the single-story wood-and-brick home in south Memphis when they arrived about 1:20 a.m. but encountered heavy smoke inside once they entered, Memphis Fire Services Director Gina Sweat said at a news conference Monday morning. Sweat told reporters that fire crews found four adults and three children dead in the home. In a Monday afternoon news release, the Memphis Fire Department corrected the breakdown of the victims found in the home to three adults and four children. Two other children died after being taken in extremely critical condition to a children's hospital, officials said.

Homeless man in Seattle dies after car crashes into his tent

SEATTLE (AP)—A car went off a freeway ramp in Seattle on Monday morning, killing a 19-year-old man inside a tent at a small homeless encampment, the Washington State Patrol said. Hours after the crash, Seattle Mayor Ed Murray visited the scene along Interstate 5 and said the incident underscored the need to find safe shelter for hundreds who are living on the streets, the Seattle Times reported. "I'm saddened by the loss of life at a homeless encampment near the U District," Murray said on social media Monday. "Seattle alone can't solve this crisis but we must try." A driver left the off-ramp at the city's University District early Monday morning, went up a small hill in a grassy median between I-5 and the Northeast 50th Street exit and struck the tent and a tree, state Patrol Trooper Rick Johnson said. The man killed was identified Monday afternoon as Walter Burton, according to the state patrol. The driver, identified as 33-year-old Oscar Gutierrez de Jesus of Seattle, fled the scene but was arrested soon after for investigation of vehicular homicide.

Asia

US flies bombers over S. Korea in show of force against North

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea (AP)—The United States on Tuesday sent two nuclear-capable supersonic bombers streaking over ally South Korea in a show of force meant to cow North Korea after its recent nuclear test and also to settle rattled nerves in the South.

The B-1B bombers, escorted by U.S. and South Korean jets, were seen by an Associated Press photographer as they flew over Osan Air Base, which is 120 kilometers (75 miles) from the border with North Korea, the world's most heavily armed. The bombers were likely to return to Andersen Air Force Base in Guam, without landing in South Korea.

Such flyovers are common when always high animosity rises on the Korean Peninsula, which is technically in a state of war as there has never been a peace treaty to officially end the 1950-53 Korean War.

South Korea does not have nuclear weapons and relies on the U.S. "nuclear umbrella" as a deterrent to North Korea. Washington also stations more than 28,000 troops in the South, and tens of thousands more in Japan.

North Korea is keenly aware of the U.S. presence



U.S. B-1 bomber, center, flies over Osan Air Base with U.S. jets in Pyeongtaek, South Korea, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016.

International diplomatic efforts to rid the North of its bombs have been stalled since the last round of meetings in late 2008. Since then, Pyongyang has ramped up both its ballistic missile and nuclear bomb development, despite an increasing raft of sanctions.

After the test, the North's nuclear weapons institute said it will take unspecified measures to further boost its nuclear capability, which analysts said hinted at a possible sixth nuclear test.

ASIAN BRIEFS

2 earthquakes hit South Korea; no reports of serious damage

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Two strong earthquakes jolted an historic city in southeastern South Korea on Monday, but there were no reports of serious injuries or damage, officials said. The Korea Meteorological Administration said the quakes measured magnitude 5.1 and 5.8 and were centered near Gyeongju city. It said the magnitude-5.8 quake was the largest ever recorded in South Korea. Local television showed children hiding under a dinner table and goods falling off the shelves at a supermarket.

Officials said two people received minor injuries, but gave no further details. The Yonhap news agency said minor cracks appeared in some buildings, but no major damage was reported.

Thai junta returns nat'l security cases to civilian courts

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's ruling military junta ordered Monday that national security cases be judged in civilian courts, two years after placing such matters in military courts. More than 1,800 civilians had been brought before military tribunals through May this year, according to the legal aid group Thai Lawyers for Human Rights. Civilian jurisdiction will only apply to new cases; those already being processed will stay in the military courts. Rights groups had strongly criticized holding military trials of civilians. The junta had decreed soon after its May 2014 takeover from an elected government that military courts would judge national security cases, which included defamation of the monarchy, sedition, possession of explosives and war weapons and violations of the junta's orders.

Duterte wants US forces out of restive south

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said Monday he wants U.S. forces out of his country's south and blamed America for inflaming Muslim insurgencies in the region, in his first public statement opposing the presence of American troops.

Washington, however, said it had not received a formal request to remove U.S. military personnel. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Duterte had a tendency to

make "colorful comments" and drew a comparison with Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump.

Duterte has had an uneasy relationship with the U.S. since becoming president in June and has been openly critical of American security policies. As a candidate, he declared he would chart a foreign policy that would not depend on America, his country's treaty ally.

In 2002, the U.S. military deployed troops to train, ad-

vise and provide intelligence and weapons to Filipino troops battling al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf militants in the southern Philippines. When the American forces withdrew in February last year, U.S. officials said a smaller contingent of U.S. military advisers would stay. Details of the current U.S. military presence in the south were not immediately available.

Duterte did not mention any deadline or say how he intends to pursue his wishes.

State Department spokesman John Kirby said Monday that the U.S. was aware of Duterte's comments, but is "not aware of any official communication by the Philippine government to that effect and to seek that result." He said the U.S. remained committed to its long-standing alliance with the Philippines.

Before the alliance, the Philippines was a colony of the United States from 1898 to 1946, except for a period

of Japanese occupation in World War II.

In opposing the U.S. military presence in the southern Mindanao region, Duterte cited the killing of Muslims during a U.S. pacification campaign in the early 1900s, which he said was at the root of the long restiveness of minority Muslims in the largely Catholic nation's south.

"For as long as we stay with America, we will never have peace in that land," Duterte said in a speech to newly appointed government officials.

Relatives of MH370 victims want more possible debris studied

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Relatives of some of the 239 passengers and crew on missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 called Monday for more of its possible debris to be examined to define a new search area.

Malaysia, China and Australia agreed in July that the search in the southern Indian Ocean would be suspended after the current 120,000-square kilometer (46,000-square mile) expanse has been thoroughly examined with deep sea

sonar equipment in the absence of credible new evidence that identified the plane's location.

Eight relatives of lost passengers who met with Australian officials coordinating the search on behalf of Malaysia expressed frustration that they were not given a definition of what constituted credible new evidence that would result in a continuation of the search.

American wreckage hunter Blaine Gibson attended the meeting at the Australian

Transport Safety Bureau headquarters with the relatives from Malaysia, China, Australia and Indonesia and handed over to investigators five pieces of potential debris that he found on beaches in Madagascar. Two of the pieces were burnt, which could indicate a disastrous fire on board, he said.

Gibson previously found a panel from Flight 370 in Mozambique. Malaysia has yet to collect other potential debris that Blaine has found washed up on Madagascar

since June and handed to authorities there.

"I hope that the search will go on and in my amateur opinion this constitutes new, credible evidence that justifies continuing the search," Gibson told reporters of his unconfirmed debris find.

Some confirmed pieces of debris have washed ashore in the western Indian Ocean, and the families believe other items yet to be examined may be clues to the plane's location.

Grace Nathan, a Malaysian

whose mother was on the Boeing 777 that vanished during a flight from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing on March 8, 2014, said governments should be coordinating a search for debris and using drift modeling to define a new area to search after the current search is to be completed in December.

"We want to call on the three nations—Australia, China and Malaysia—to make a concerted effort to go out and look for this credible new information," Nathan said.

World

Syria cease-fire enters into effect, but rebels don't commit

BEIRUT (AP)—A cease-fire came into effect in Syria at sunset Monday in the latest attempt led by the United States and Russia to bring some quiet in the 5 1/2-year civil war.

Residents and observers reported quiet in most of the country hours after the truce came into effect, though activists said airstrikes took place on contested areas around the northern city of Aleppo.

But the most powerful rebel groups have shown deep misgivings over the cease-fire deal, which was crafted without their input last weekend in Geneva between the top U.S. and Russian diplomats. Hours after it came into force, a coalition of rebel factions put out a statement that stopped short of committing to the cease-fire, a reflection of their distrust of the government.

The first week of the truce will be crucial. During that time, all fighting between the military of President Bashar Assad and rebels is to stop. But, Assad's forces can continue air strikes against the Islamic State group and al-



In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, Syrian President Bashar Assad, center, walks on a street with officials after performing the morning Eid al-Adha prayers in Daraya, a blockaded Damascus suburb, Syria, Monday, Sept. 12, 2016. AP

Qaida-linked insurgents from the group once known as the Nusra Front.

However, the al-Qaida linked insurgents are closely allied to many rebel factions and are a powerful force in the defense of Aleppo in particular. That raises the danger that continued

airstrikes will draw rebels into retaliation, eventually leading to the cease-fire's collapse, much as previous attempts earlier this year fell apart.

Compounding the situation, a group of 21 rebel factions issued a statement Friday in which they warned against targeting al-Qaida-linked militants. The

statement was non-committal about whether the groups would abide by the cease-fire.

After a week, however, the conflict would potentially enter a dramatically different stage. A new U.S.-Russia coalition will step in to target former Nusra Front militants, and Assad's forces will no longer

be permitted to. That will effectively remove Assad's pretext for war on opposition areas, which he calls a war on terror. Government forces will be allowed to fight defensively, target the Islamic State group and, in some designated areas, go after Nusra forces.

The deal's architects hope

Brazilian lawmakers vote to strip ex-speaker of his seat

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Brazil's lower house of Congress voted overwhelmingly late Monday to strip the legislative seat of its former speaker amid accusations of corruption and obstruction of justice.

The Chamber of Deputies voted 450 to 10 to remove Eduardo Cunha after hours of debate, adding him to a growing list of politicians and business executives who have been felled by Brazil's sprawling corruption scandals. Nine legislators abstained.

Cunha has been accused by Brazilian prosecutors of receiving millions of dollars in bribes linked to the mammoth corruption scandal at state-run oil giant Petrobras. But the issue before the Chamber of Deputies was only whether he lied about having secret banking accounts in Switzerland.

Cunha, who said the accounts belonged to a trust, was pressured into resigning as speaker after the accounts came to light, but he had refused to give up his post as a lawmaker. He was in his fourth term.

As speaker, Cunha was the main driver behind the impeachment process that led to the Senate trying left-leaning President Dilma Rousseff and removing her

from office last month.

Cunha has been a key ally of new President Michel Temer, who had been Rousseff's vice president, but after the vote he accused Temer's administration of joining in the effort to punish him for the removal of Rousseff.

"This was a political process because I kicked off the impeachment proceedings. They wanted a trophy," he said at a news conference.

"The current administration adopted the agenda of removing me from office," he said, adding that he planned to publish a book telling about the behind-the-scenes dealings that led to the impeachment of Rousseff.

With the loss of his congressional seat, Cunha also loses his partial immunity from prosecution. In Brazil, only the country's top court can decide to charge and try federal lawmakers.

Prosecutors have alleged that Cunha is one of those tied to the Petrobras scandal, in which more than \$2 billion in bribes was purportedly paid to obtain inflated contracts from the energy company. The case has snared some of Brazil's most powerful lawmakers and business executives.

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis' sex abuse commission has scored a victory within the Vatican: Members have been invited to address Vatican congregations and a training course for new bishops, suggesting that the Holy See now considers child protection programs to be an important responsibility for church leaders.

Commission members praised the development as a breakthrough given that bishops have long been accused of covering up for abusers by moving pedophile priests from parish to parish rather than reporting them to police. For de-

cades, the Vatican too turned a blind eye and failed to take action against problem priests or their bishop enablers.

Commission members have already addressed the Vatican congregations for priests and religious orders and the Vatican's diplomatic school. This week, members including Irish abuse survivor Marie Collins and the Vatican's former sex-crimes prosecutor, Bishop Charles Scicluna, will address the new bishops' course, which the Vatican hosts for all bishops named in the previous year to teach them how to run their dioceses.

The presentations come

after the Vatican was embarrassed last year when, during the annual "baby bishops" course, a French priest told bishops they don't need to report priests suspected of raping or molesting children to civil authorities.

He said it was up to the victims or their parents to do so.

The commission head, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, swiftly corrected him saying bishops have an "ethical and moral" obligation to report.

The Rev. Hans Zollner, a commission member and head of the Center for Child Protection at the Pontifical Gregorian University, will

Libyan general seizes key oil terminals from militia

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)—Libyan forces loyal to a powerful general say they have seized a third oil terminal from a rival militia in the east, giving the divisive leader a bargaining chip in negotiations with rival U.N.-backed authorities in the capital, Tripoli.

Forces led by Gen. Khalifa Hifter said late Sunday that they had seized the Zueitina terminal from a militia known as the Petroleum Facilities Guards, hours after capturing the nearby terminals of Ras Lanuf and al-Sidra.

Most of Libya's oil exports went through the three terminals before the militia seized

them more than two years ago.

Hifter's army units urged the state-run oil corporation, which is based in Tripoli, to resume oil exports.

Libya drifted into chaos following the 2011 uprising that toppled and killed longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi, and today is split between rival parliaments and governments in the east and west, each backed by a loose array of militias and tribes.

Hifter enjoys the support of the internationally-recognized parliament, which meets in the east. The parliament has refused to approve the formation of a U.N.-backed government

in Tripoli, in the west, in part because of differences over Hifter's future role in Libya.

The capture of the oil terminals could strengthen Hifter's hand, making it more difficult to ignore demands from him and others in the east for more clout in a power-sharing government.

The U.N.-brokered presidency council—which is tasked with forming a unity government—said late Sunday that the takeover by Hifter's forces is "contradicting the path of reconciliation and frustrating Libyans."

The nine-member council is divided between supporters

join Scicluna in addressing new bishops from "mission" territories such as Africa and Asia, where church leaders have often denied abuse was really a problem.

In an interview, Zollner said the message he wanted to bring to the new bishops is "The one very important thing you can do as a bishop in this issue is to listen to survivors, to sit down with them, to give them your time, to open your ears and to open your heart, to welcome them," Zollner said. "This is the single most important thing a bishop can do so that the healing process may somehow go on."

Martin Kobler, the U.N. envoy to Libya, expressed concern over the general's seizure of the terminals. He later called for a cease-fire and recognition of the U.N.-brokered government.

Libyan forces loyal to the U.N.-backed government are currently battling a powerful Islamic State affiliate in the central city of Sirte with the help of U.S.-led airstrikes.

The U.S. and other Western nations view the U.N.-backed government in the capital as the best hope for unifying Libyans and defeating the extremist group.

Focus

Searchers find 2nd ship from doomed British expedition

AP
In a Sept. 9, 2014 image provided by Parks Canada, HMS *Erebus* is pictured on a sonar scan in the Queen Maud Gulf in Nunavut. The Arctic Research Foundation said Monday, Sept. 12, 2016, that the second ship from Sir John Franklin's doomed 19th-century search for the Northwest Passage has been found. The HMS *Terror* has been located in the Arctic waters along the fabled waterway.

By ROB GILLIES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE second of two British explorer ships that vanished in the Arctic nearly 170 years ago during a storied expedition to find the fabled Northwest Passage has been found.

The Arctic Research Foundation said Monday that the HMS *Terror* has been located by a research ship. Last seen in the 1840s while under the command of Sir John Franklin, HMS *Erebus* and HMS *Terror* have long been among the most sought-after prizes in marine archaeology and the subject of songs, poems and novels. The wreck of the *Erebus* was found in 2014.

"Terror was found on Sept. 3. It is a perfect time capsule," said Adrian Schimnowski, the expedition leader of the research ship that located the HMS *Terror*.

The *Terror* was discovered in 24 meters (26 yards) of water in Terror Bay, a small indentation on the coast of King William Island west of the

community of Gjoa Haven. It was located right where an Inuit hunter said it would be. Canadian Rear-Admiral John Newton said the two Franklin ships were found about 50 kilometers (31 miles) apart from each other.

Franklin and 128 hand-picked officers and men had set out in 1845 to find the Northwest Passage, the long-sought shortcut to Asia that supposedly ran from the Atlantic to the Pacific by way of the harsh, ice-choked Arctic. The death of all 129 men made the Franklin expedition the worst tragedy in the history of Arctic exploration.

Schimnowski said that mystery might have remained if not for a late-night conversation on one of the search vessels between himself and Sammy Kogvik, an Inuk and Canadian Ranger from Gjoa Haven. The two were on the bridge of the Martin Bergmann, a research vessel, and Kogvik was telling Schimnowski about the history of the shorelines they were sailing past. He started talking about something he had seen seven years ago while snowmobiling across the sea ice of Terror Bay.

Kogvik recalled how he had looked behind him to

check on his hunting partner when he spotted a large pole sticking up out of the ice. The two Inuit stopped and took pictures of what looked like a ship's mast.

But when Kogvik got home to Gjoa Haven, he found he had dropped his camera and lost the shots. "He kept the story secret because he didn't want people not to believe him," Schimnowski said.

"We listened to Sammy's story on the bridge of the Bergmann and changed course to take a look," he said.

In a news release, Kogvik said he was delighted to see the vessel again.

In the days since the discovery, the crew has identified a number of the *Terror*'s features. There is video of the ship's bell. A cannon similar to those on the *Erebus* has been spotted. The ship's helm is still there "in perfect condition," said Schimnowski. A windlass, used to haul up an anchor, still has heavy rope wrapped around it as if moored to the bottom of the sea.

Newton called it an historic site for Canada and said there are no current plans to raise the two ships.

John Geiger, president of

the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, called the discovery of the HMS *Terror* the missing piece of the puzzle and historically significant for Americans given the role of the HMS *Terror* in the War of 1812. HMS *Terror* was one of the British naval bomb ships that took part in the bombardment of Fort McHenry in the Battle of Baltimore in September 1814. The attack was the inspiration for the poem by Francis Scott Key that eventually became known as "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"Those bombs could have very well been lobbed from the *Terror*," he said. "It's fundamental to the Star-Spangled Banner and the origins of the anthem of the United States. From a pure historical standpoint what an exciting find."

The confirmation of the HMS *Erebus* find in 2014 was made by underwater archaeologists, following a meticulous review of data and artifacts observed from the Arctic Ocean's seabed and using high-resolution photography, high-definition video and multi-beam sonar measurements.

Canada announced in 2008 that it would look for the

ships, and the Canadian government has poured millions of dollars into the venture, with former Prime Minister Stephen Harper himself taking part in the search. It was all part of Harper's plan to boast Canadian nationalism and a sense of ownership of the north.

Harper's government made the project a top priority as it looked to assert Canada's sovereignty over the Northwest Passage, where melting Arctic ice in recent years has unlocked the very shipping route Franklin was seeking. Canada says it owns the passage. The U.S. and others say it is international territory.

The well-preserved wreck of HMS *Erebus* was found 11 meters (12 yards) below the surface, near King William Island, about 1,200 miles (2,000 kilometers) northwest of Toronto.

Historians believe that the ships got trapped in thick ice in 1846 off Prince William Island, and Franklin and some other crew members died in the ensuing months. The survivors apparently abandoned the two ships in April 1848 in a hopeless bid to reach safety overland. Inuit lore tells of "white men who were

starving" as late as the winter of 1850 on the Royal Geographical Society Island near Prince William Island.

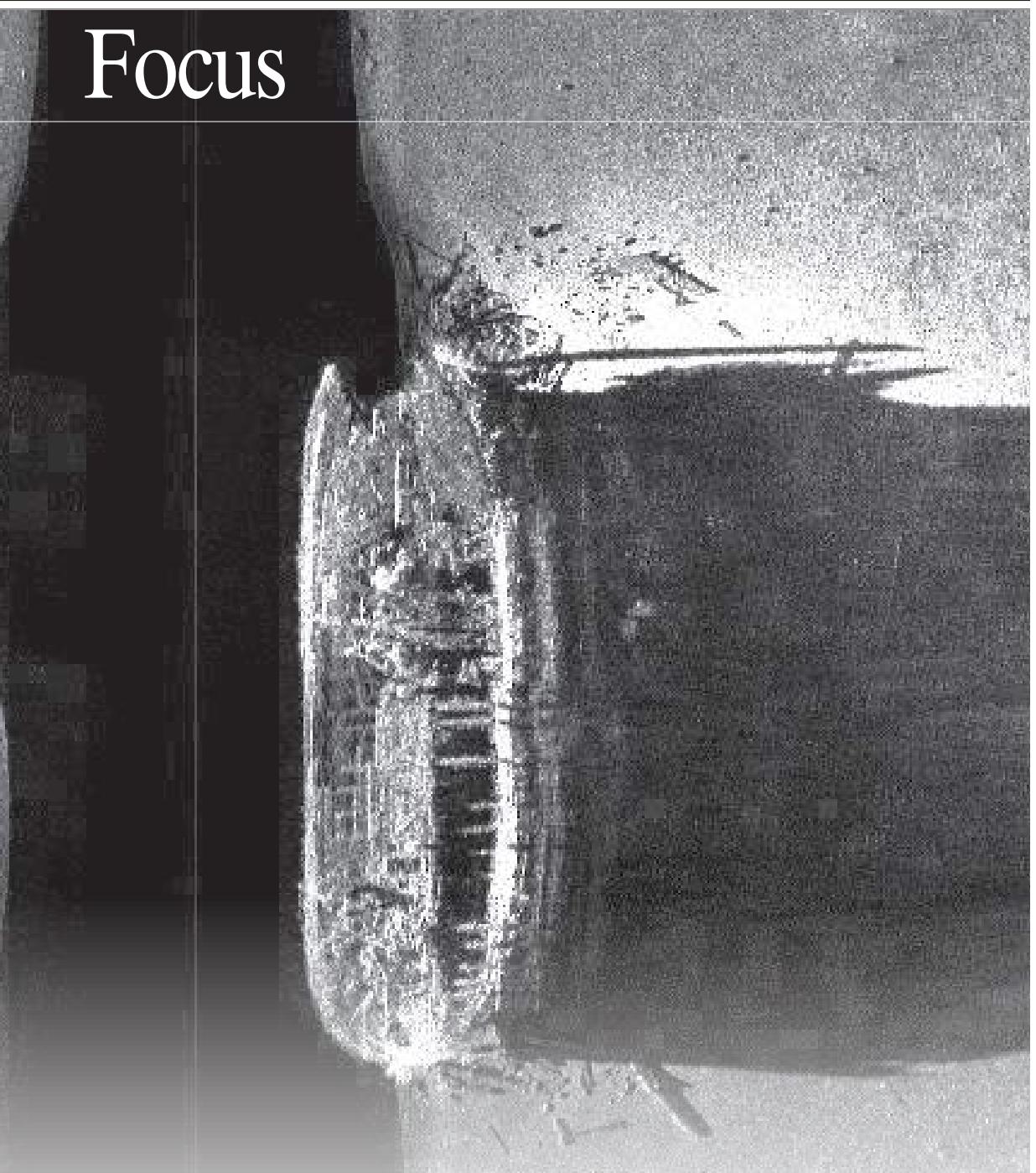
For many years afterward, Franklin was celebrated as a Victorian-era hero.

Dozens of searches by the British and Americans in the 1800s failed to locate the wrecks, and some of those expeditions also ended in tragedy. But they opened up parts of the Canadian Arctic to discovery and ultimately found a Northwest Passage, though it proved inhospitable to shipping because of ice and treacherous weather.

The search for an Arctic passage to Asia frustrated explorers for centuries, beginning with John Cabot's voyage in 1497. The shortcut eluded other famous explorers, including Henry Hudson and Francis Drake.

No sea crossing was successful until Roald Amundsen of Norway completed his trip in 1903-06. The exact location of *Erebus* was not disclosed for fear of looters.

The research ship was part of a small flotilla organized by the Canadian government and its partners that sailed for the Arctic at the end of August to search for the HMS *Terror*.



Good Housekeeping

By JOAN MORRIS
THE MERCURY NEWS

Tomatoes with rotten ends, squash that never produced, plant leaves covered with white powder — even the most accomplished gardener might face these troubles each year.

Contra Costa Master Gardener Terry Lippert says there are lessons to be learned from these problems. Here are her tips on identifying what went wrong and fixing it for next season.

BLOSSOM END ROT

Tomatoes and squash often develop this condition that causes the bottom end of the fruit to turn brown and mushy. It's caused by widely fluctuating soil moisture that prevents the plant from taking in calcium.

The solution is to maintain a consistent watering schedule and add lots of organic material to the soil before planting.

POWDERY MILDEW

The appearance of white powder on the leaves of squash, melons and cucumbers is almost a given as the season goes on. The mildew is caused by a fungus, usually associated with wet conditions.

Plant in the sunniest areas possible and give plants space

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING ONE

Unstuffed Cabbage

Cabbage wedges are microwaved, then topped with a sweet-and-sour tomato sauce — a simplified version of the classic stuffed cabbage! Delicious served over quick-cooking brown rice.

1 (1 1/2 pounds) small head savoy cabbage, cut into 4 wedges

1 tablespoon olive oil
2 medium carrots, chopped

2 medium celery stalks, chopped

1 medium red pepper, chopped

3 cloves garlic, crushed with garlic press

3 green onions, thinly sliced

1 tablespoons fresh ginger, minced and peeled

1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes

2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons seasoned rice vinegar

1 tablespoon light brown sugar

1. Place cabbage and 1/4 cup water in 3-quart microwave-safe baking dish; cover and cook in microwave oven on High 12 to 14 minutes or until cabbage is fork-tender.

to improve air circulation.

If you catch it early in plants that are more vulnerable, you can use a fungicide on the plants, or you can use a horticulture oil to smother the spores. Don't use both, Lippert warns, at the combination likely will kill the plant.

FRUIT FAILS TO DEVELOP

Some plants produce both male and female flowers, which have to get together in order for fruit to develop and mature. If you had zucchini, cucumbers and melons that produced few or no fruits, chances are poor pollination is to blame.

Growing ornamentals to attract pollinators will help. You also can hand pollinate the plants by rubbing a male flower inside the female.

If your plant only has one sex of flower, crush a leaf on the plant. That usually will encourage the plant to put out flowers of the other sex.

BITTER CUCUMBERS

A bitter taste in cucumbers may be caused by extreme dry or hot temperatures, overwa-



Blossom end rot on tomatoes.

tered soils or poor fertility.

Adjust your irrigation and fertilizer.

PEPPERS & EGGPLANTS

Fruit will not set when nighttime temperatures fall below 58 degrees or when daytime

temps are above 85.

Low light also can inhibit fruit set.

The solution? Plant in full sunlight.

Peppers and eggplants also are prone to developing leathery discolorations. These are

caused by sunburn.

Keep plants covered with shade cloth until the leaves on the plants are large enough to shade the fruit.

TOMATO PROBLEMS

Often blossoms will form and

DIGGIN' IN: Pawpaw plant is host to zebra swallowtails

By KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

My new yard in Virginia Beach, Va., is extra special — it features a large, large pawpaw tree.

For years, I planned to plant one but just never got around to it. The full-grown, fruit-heavy pawpaw on the edge of the woods that borders our yard is an extra bonus.

Helen Hamilton's profile of the native plant sent me scurrying to confirm what I had suspected — this small tree, or large shrub, features unusual three-season beauty.

"Flowers come first in this plant that blooms from March through May," says Hamilton, past president of the John Clayton Chapter, Virginia Native Plant Society, and retired biology teacher living in Williamsburg, Va. (Learn more about the native plant society at www.vnps.org.)

Note: It may be necessary to make adjustments in cooking times to reach desired doneness depending on your microwave oven.

* Each serving: About 145 calories, 4g total fat (1g saturated), 6g protein, 26g carbohydrates, 0mg cholesterol, 1,200mg sodium, 7g fiber.

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four inches long, green at first, then yellow-brown when ripe, with a sweet, creamy pulp, according to Hamilton.

"Oblong and stubby, these fruits look a little like bananas and are delicious when eaten raw or made into ice cream or pies," she says.

Pawpaw is native to every county in Virginia, and throughout the eastern United States, she adds. It grows in moist soils in forests, often as a smaller understory tree.

The native plant can be part of a rain garden, or placed in a shrub border at the edge of woods with average water. Easy to grow, Pawpaw prefers acidic, fertile soils, well-drained with average water. Pawpaw has a long taproot and reproduces by root suckers.

"Seedlings of pawpaw are often prolific in woods where deer have browsed on other plants," Hamilton says.

"Hanging upside-down on the twigs sometimes during leaf emergences, these unusual blossoms are maroon and bell-like."

Pawpaw, or *Asimina triloba*, is ignored by bees because there are both male and female parts on each flower, so no cross pollination is needed.

Next comes the plant's unusual fruit, which is almost

by Native Americans and early settlers who made cordage and rope from the tree's fiber, continues Hamilton. The fruits can cause allergic reactions, or act as a laxative. The powdered seeds have been used to treat lice in children, and researchers have found that both the leaves and seeds have chemicals that kill insects.

ZEBRA SWALLOWTAIL

You will know a zebra swallowtail as soon as you spot it, because nothing else looks like this big butterfly with triangular wings with vertical black and white stripes, and long, sword-like tails, according to Hamilton.

"The hindwings have two deep blue spots at the base and a red spot closer to the body," she says.

"When the wings close, a bright red stripe is visible in the middle of the hindwing. Zebras that emerge in the spring are smaller with shorter tails than those that are mature in the fall. Males and females appear identical, the only definitive difference being the egg-laying activity of the female and its smaller size."

Zebras, *Eurytides marcellus*, are difficult to photograph as their wings vibrate constantly while feeding on the nectar of flowers. Adri-

then fall off, or fruit doesn't set. Nighttime temperatures below 55 degrees or daytime temperatures above 90 may be to blame.

Plant a little later in the spring, or protect plants with row cover or shade cloth.

Catfacing is cracking at the blossom end of the tomato, which is caused by low temperatures during flowering and fruit set.

Not much you can do about the weather, but the good news is this is more of a visual problem. The catfacing doesn't harm the fruit, although you may lose a little when you cut it off.

Cracking around the stem end is caused by rain or excessive irrigation. Exposure to high temperatures also can cause cracking.

Check your watering schedule.

Ripening can slow down in the late summer because you may have lost some leaves, or the temperatures and soil gets too hot.

Cover the plants with shade cloth, or just be patient.

enne Frank, coordinator of the Butterfly Circles in the Williamsburg area, says they really like short tubular flowers like lantana.

In spring, zebras feed on nectars from early flowers on trees and shrubs such as blueberry, redbud and dogwood. The second flight in late summer seeks nectar on butterfly milkweed, blue vervain, ironweed and lantana.

By late summer, male zebras search for females in moist, wooded areas where pawpaw trees grow. These small trees are the only host plant of zebras — deer dislike them, and seedlings are plentiful in woods.

Females lay a single egg on the leaf of a pawpaw, usually on the underside, according to Hamilton. After hatching, the larvae feed on pawpaw leaves, growing through several stages to an adult caterpillar that is usually hairless. Caterpillars have two color forms — the first is green with yellow and black bands, and the other is dark brown with orange and white bands.

When fully grown, it transforms into a pupa to overwinter on the dried leaf of trunk of the tree. The zebras that emerge in the spring are somewhat smaller and lighter in color than the two- to four-inch summer butterflies.

Life & Style

Guild study: Hiring of women, minority TV directors lags

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The expanding world of TV series is creating more opportunities for female and minority directors, but they remain a fraction of those hired, a Hollywood guild report said Monday.

Women directed 17 percent and minorities 19 percent of the more than 4,000 episodes produced last season for broadcast, cable and high-budget streaming series, the Directors Guild of America said in its annual survey.

For both groups, that represents a 1 percent increase over the year before.

"These numbers shine a light on the lack of real progress by employers in this industry, plain and simple. Of particular concern is the precedent being set by the fastest-growing category, streaming video," said Paris Barclay, the guild's president.

The number of episodes from streaming services including Netflix, Amazon and Hulu increased by 120 percent last year, but just 8 percent of episodes were directed by minorities, the



study found. Women directed 17 percent.

Among the other findings:

- The "pie" of available work continues to increase along with the number of platforms, although more slowly. The 4,061 episodes in the 2015-16 season represented a 4 percent increase over

the previous one, although that's less than half the 10 percent growth from 2013-14 to 2014-15.

- That reduced expansion still yielded more opportunities for women and minorities, with women directing 85 more episodes than the year before and minorities

directing 89.

- Thirty series hired no women or minority directors, four more than in the previous season. Among them were NBC's "Aquarius," FX Networks' "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" and ABC's "Glamavant."

- Series that hired wom-

en or minority directors for at least 40 percent of episodes increased 28 percent, to 73 series.

- CBS, Twentieth Century Fox, NBC Universal and Disney-ABC were ranked at the top of major TV studios and their subsidiaries in diversity hiring for directors. Sony and HBO lagged at the bottom, the

In this Nov. 22, 2015, file photo, from left, Chrissie Fit, Rebel Wilson, and Anna Kendrick, from the cast of "Pitch Perfect 2," accept the award for top soundtrack at the American Music Awards at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

study found.

Sony Pictures Television, which three years ago implemented a program to increase hiring of female and minority directors, declined comment. HBO didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

In a study released last month, the guild found that hiring of minorities and women for crucial stepping-stone TV directing jobs was failing to advance. Overall progress won't be made until the pipeline of new minority and female directors becomes more robust, the guild said.

Looking at the period encompassing the 2009-10 through 2015-16 seasons, men represented 81 percent of first-time episodic directors, with women making up 19 percent, the guild said. Whites represented 86 percent, with minorities at 14 percent, the guild said in August.

New Miss America begins reign with Atlantic City surf romp

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—The heels came off but the crown stayed on as Miss America began her reign with a romp in the Atlantic City surf Monday, hours after winning the title.

Savvy Shields, who represented Arkansas, won the crown Sunday night to become Miss America 2017.

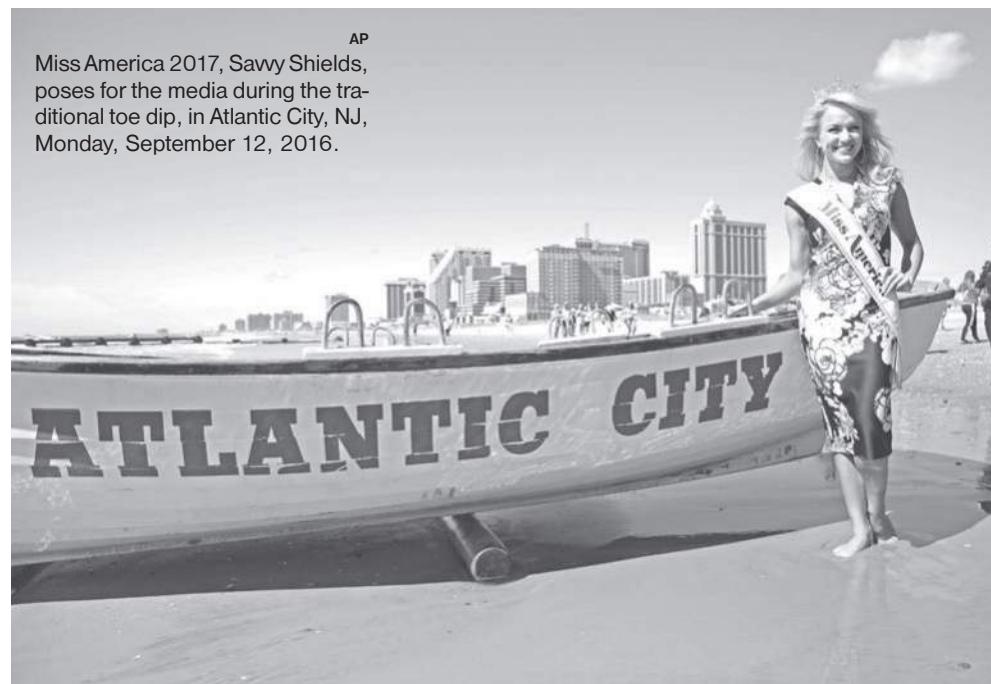
She drew wide attention by calling on Democrats and Republicans to learn to compromise with each other again.

On Monday morning, she kicked off her sandals and walked across the seaside gambling resort's shell-strewn beach to the surf line, where she ran ankle-deep in the incoming waves and jumped into the air twice. She then posed next to a lifeboat in the traditional pose that Miss Americas strike the morning after winning the crown.

"This is such an iconic moment, the toe dip in Atlantic City that every Miss America does," she said.

Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian played on his name and that of the new Miss America in promoting his city.

"Obviously you have to be pretty savvy to become Miss America," he said. "And with



Shields and a Guardian, Atlantic City will be safe for another year!"

Shields is an art major at the University of Arkansas who wants to help people make better food choices.

Her response to her onstage interview question helped propel Shields to the title. She was asked what she thought of Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton; she answered that while both Clinton and Republican Donald Trump

have done a good job thus far, "they also need to watch what they're doing."

Meeting reporters after the pageant, Shields elaborated.

"What I want both candidates to focus on is compromise," she said. "Our country was founded on compromise. We're in a state now where both parties just seem to be yelling at one another. I hope that at the end of my year, we're starting to reward politicians for compromise."

She topped a field of 52 contestants to win the crown and the title of Miss America 2017, succeeding the outgoing Miss America Betty Cantrell.

Shields performed a jazz dance to a song from the TV show "Smash," for which she won a preliminary competition earlier in the week. She said she still has the soundtrack from the canceled TV show in her car, where she plays it often.

Kevin Bacon loves Baconfest invite, is sorry he can't attend

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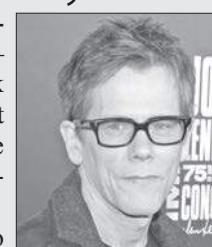
The town has struck out in its attempt to bring home the bacon—Kevin Bacon, that is.

Brattleboro wanted the actor Bacon to visit for its third annual Baconfest, a celebration of all things related to the fatty cured pork strips.

But he tweeted his regrets on Monday, saying in a video that he won't be able to make it to Baconfest because he's filming in Vancouver. He said he appreciated the "hilarious effort" that went into trying to get him there.

The Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce launched a social media blitz last month inviting Bacon to Saturday's event. Residents have been photographed with a life-size cardboard cutout of him called Flat Bacon as part of the campaign.

Flat Bacon even appeared with Democratic U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy and Demo-



cratic Gov. Peter Shumlin, who recorded a video urging the actor to show up.

"Kevin, Vermont has the coolest little town in America called Brattleboro. I was born there. I still love it," Shumlin said. "They're going to have a bacon festival. It will be the best bacon and the best little town in America, and we need you."

When asked about the likelihood of the real Bacon attending, the chamber's executive director, Kate O'Connor, told WCAX-TV: "Pretty much zero, but we thought it's worth a try and it's sort of kooky enough that perhaps there's a chance."

Baconfest features races, music and bacon recipes. It'll end with a screening of the 1984 Kevin Bacon film "Footloose."

Kevin Bacon, who's from the Philadelphia area, told Baconfest organizers and attendees to "have a great time and enjoy the bacon."

Lochte feels 'hurt' after 'Dancing with the Stars' incident

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ryan Lochte says he feels "a little hurt" after being involved in an altercation on "Dancing with the Stars" that prompted producers to cut to commercials.

The beleaguered swimmer was reportedly rushed by an unknown pair of men wearing anti-Lochte T-shirts while receiving his scores from judge Carrie Ann Inaba on Monday's live installment of the celebrity ballroom dance competition.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Alec Baldwin sues Manhattan art dealer over copy

NEW YORK (AP)—Alec Baldwin is suing a Manhattan art dealer, saying she sold him a version of a painting for \$190,000 that was not the original. In court papers filed Monday, the Daily News reports Baldwin claims art gallery owner Mary Boone sold him an alternative version of artist Ross Bleckner's "Sea and Mirror" in 2010. The actor said Boone told him she could get the original painting. Baldwin said he later had the painting examined by experts who told him it wasn't the original painting that Bleckner did in 1996. He's suing for the difference in value of the two paintings and attorney fees. Boone's attorney, Ted Poretz, denied the charges and said Baldwin was made aware from the start that he was not getting an original. "Ms. Boone offered him a full refund and took every step to handle this in a professional manner," Poretz said. "Mr. Baldwin's decision to continue this personal attack is not surprising given his history of lashing out against anyone he believes is beneath him."

Theater files nearly \$350,000 claim against Prince estate

CHANHASSEN, Minn. (AP)—A Minneapolis theater has filed a nearly \$350,000 claim against Prince's estate over a canceled gala at his Paisley Park recording complex. Mixed Blood Theatre was scheduled to hold a 40th anniversary gala at the suburban complex on May 14. After Prince's death in April from a drug overdose, organizers say they received assurances from Paisley Park staff that the gala could go on. But Mixed Blood canceled

"Hey, back off," Inaba said as the altercation was occurring off screen.

When the show returned, "Dancing with the Stars" host Tom Bergeron explained they were interrupted by "a little incident" and thanked the ABC series' security team "for staying in shape."

The swimmer told Bergeron that "so many feelings are going through my head right now." Lochte added that he was "a little hurt, but I came

out here. I wanted to do something I'm completely not comfortable with, and I did."

ABC did not immediately return messages seeking comment about the incident.

During the episode, the Olympic medalist performed a foxtrot routine with professional partner Cheryl Burke to "Call Me Irresponsible." They received a combined score from the judges of 24 out of 40.

Lochte and teammates were involved in an early-morning



In this Aug. 9, 2016, file photo, United States' Ryan Lochte prepares before a men's 4x200-meter freestyle heat at the 2016 Summer Olympics, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. L

drunken encounter during the Olympics last month at a gas station in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. They later claimed they were threatened and robbed. United States team officials banned Lochte for 10 months, requiring him to forfeit \$100,000 in bonuses and miss the 2017 world championships.

the party after the court-appointed administrator of Prince's estate told the theater it could not hold the sold-out event at Paisley Park, where Prince died. About 1,000 people were expected to attend. Bremer Trust had said it believed it was necessary to close Paisley Park to outside events to protect Prince's legacy. Paisley Park will open for public tours starting Oct. 6.

Searchers find overdue hiker looking for "Into the Wild" bus

DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE, Alaska (AP)—A 45-year-old man from Mexico was located unharmed Monday after failing to return on time from a hiking trip to an abandoned city bus in the Alaska wilderness made famous by the popular book and movie, both titled "Into the Wild." Denali National Park officials say the search for Carlos Castrejon was called off after he was found in good condition. He was last seen Wednesday when he set off to find the abandoned Fairbanks city bus near the national park. He intended to be back Saturday. Officials say Denali's back-country staff had warned him before he left that he hadn't planned enough time for his hike, which was a 30-mile (48.28-kilometer) roundtrip over rugged terrain. Both the 1996 book and the 2007 movie chronicled the life and death of 24-year-old Chris McCandless, who hiked into the Alaska wilderness in April 1992 with little food and equipment. He was found starved to death in the bus almost four months later. The bus has long been a destination for those seeking to retrace his steps.

Kirstie Alley joins 'Scream Queens' for its sophomore season

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kirstie Alley is joining the second-season cast of Fox TV's "Scream Queens."

The show's setting is moving from a college campus to a hospital with a dark past that handles bizarre medical cases. Alley will play the



show's returning stars include Jamie Lee Curtis, Emma Roberts and Lea Michele.

The new season of "Scream Queens" begins 9 p.m. EDT Sept. 20.

William, Kate to bring young prince, princess on Canada trip

LONDON (AP)—Kensington Palace has announced that Prince William and his wife Kate will bring their two young children on an official visit to Canada later this month.

The trip announced Monday will mark the first official overseas jaunt for 1-year-old Princess Charlotte.

Her older brother Prince George, 3, is an old hand at royal travel, having already visited Australia and New Zealand on an official tour.

The public will have few chances to see Prince George and Princess Charlotte. Canadian officials said they will be with their parents for the arrival and departure in Victoria and possibly at one other event.

The palace said the royals will visit British Columbia and

the hospital's devious administrator, Fox said Monday.

Previously announced "Scream Queens" newcomers include John Stamos, Taylor Lautner and James Earl. The

Yukon from Sept. 24 until Oct. 1 after accepting an invitation from Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Kate and William are plan-



In this Saturday, June 11, 2016 file photo, Britain's Prince William holding Prince George, right and Kate, Duchess of Cambridge holding Princess Charlotte, left, on the balcony during the Trooping The Colour parade at Buckingham Palace, in London.

Shy woman wants some tips for starting a conversation

DEAR ABBY: I'm an educated, attractive 24-year-old woman who hasn't dated much. I'm eager to break out of my shell and start putting myself out there, but I'm afraid my shyness may make me unapproachable.

How do I strike up a pleasant conversation with a cute guy at the gym or a friendly customer at work? It looks easy in the movies, but this is real life. I don't want my awkwardness to hold me back.

Have you written anything about this? Can you give me some tips on how I can bring myself to be sociable?

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DEAR NOVICE: Gladly. Start today by making a point of smiling and saying hello to everyone. It's friendly and welcoming.

At the gym, ask other members about their routine or the machines they're using. When greeting a customer, lead off with a friendly remark or a compliment. I have met very few people who don't like receiving one, as long as it's sincere. ("Nice shirt," "Nice cellphone," etc.)

If you freeze up, keep in mind that the majority of people have the same insecurities that you do. My booklet "How to Be Popular" contains many useful tips for polishing social

skills for people of all ages. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Please allow four to six weeks for delivery. A surefire way to contribute in any social situation is to be well-informed about what's going on in the world. You do not have to be an authority on every subject.

Good conversationalists are interested in what others have to say rather than feel pressured to fill the air with the sound of their own voices. And remember: Most people can concentrate on only one thing at a time. So forget about yourself and concentrate on the OTHER person. Ask about what he or she is interested in. If you try it, you'll find that it works.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been together for two years. We have good conversations, and he would give me the world if I asked him to. He's kind, gentle and helps me out financially. He opens the car door, cooks and cleans. Basically, he is what every woman wants.

But ... he is lacking in the sex department. He had a groin injury as a child, and later, as an adult, he reinjured "it." Viagra doesn't help. He apologizes when sex lasts less than five or 10

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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minutes. Sometimes "it" doesn't work for a week or two.

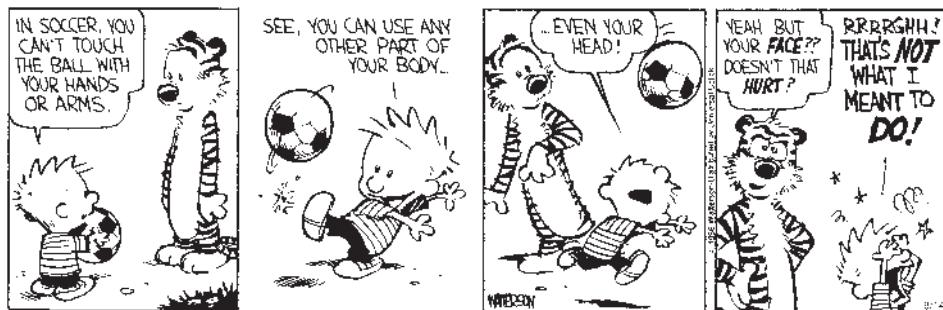
He says he loves me and wants to marry me. But I know I wouldn't be completely happy if I married him. On the other hand, I'm afraid to lose such a good man. I don't want to cheat on him, which is what he said most of his girlfriends have done in the past. What should I do?

GREAT GUY, BUT --

DEAR G.G.B.: What you should do is be honest with your boyfriend. Tell him it's time for him to consult a urologist, if he hasn't already, because there may be medical help for this. If there is, your problem is solved. If there isn't, then you will have to prioritize what's really important to you in a life partner.

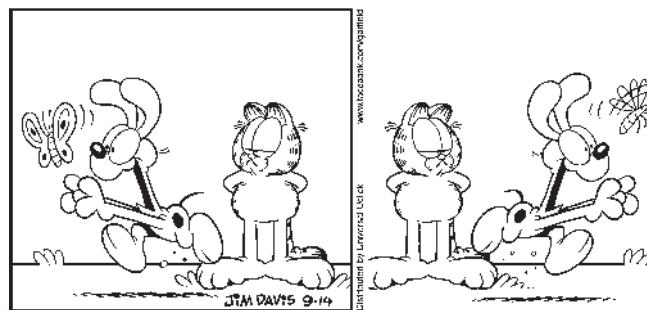
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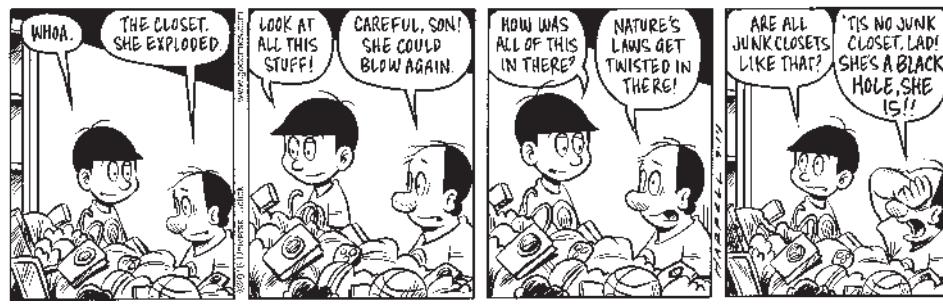
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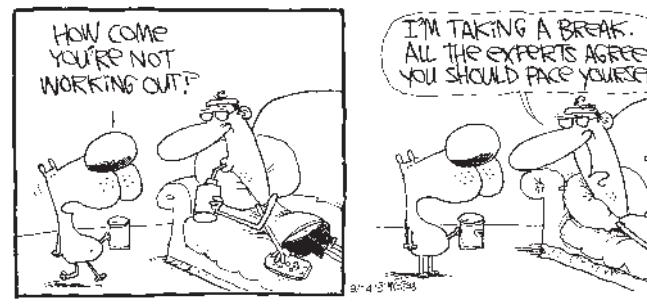
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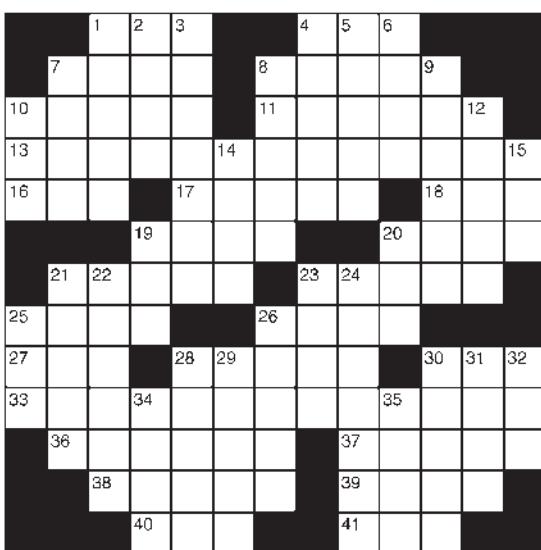
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kimberly Williams-Paisley, 45; Robert Herjavec, 54; Melissa Leo, 56; Sam Neill, 69.

Happy Birthday: Keeping an open mind will help you avoid the pitfalls that come with disagreements. Take whatever you can from the conversations and experiences you have this year, and form your own opinions and plans for the future. Being honest about what's possible and what isn't will bring you one step closer to your long-term goals. Your numbers are 4, 13, 18, 22, 36, 38, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Recognize what is required to fill the position you want. Make adjustments to your resume, skills and the way you present who you are and what you can do. Positive changes lie ahead. Don't settle for less. **★★★**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Live and learn. Keep a watchful eye over what your peers are doing. Make your presence noticeable by offering insight and solutions. Opt to get involved and assist with the humanitarian causes that concern you. **★★**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep your emotions out of the workplace. Act on facts, not assumptions. A change that contributes to your professionalism will help you close in on an opening that interests you. Honesty will help you win favors and support. **★★**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Personal changes will be necessary in order for you to avoid being pressured by people who want the best for you. Put some muscle

behind your plans and you will turn an idea into a reality. Don't fear doing things differently. **★★★**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take part in activities that will allow you to challenge yourself physically. Do your best to boost your confidence and morale. Turn up the intensity and success will be yours. Romance is encouraged. **★★★**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will get out of something what you put into it. You will charm anyone you do business with, but make sure you have the backup to follow through with your promises. A personal update will result in compliments and recognition. **★★★**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Update your look or make plans with someone you love. A pleasure trip or finding an activity you can share with others will improve your relationship. A personal change will give you a new lease on life. **★★★★**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your secretive nature will pay off, and so will your ability to be a good listener. You'll have a greater understanding of what needs to be done in order to make progress. Don't expect everyone to like your plans. **★★**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put more emphasis on personal progress, and don't let someone put demands on your time. Romance and bringing about positive changes at home will help you avoid negativity. Learn to say "no." **★★★★**

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Communication will continue to be important. Keep your conversations precise and honest. Do not leave room for error or misinterpretation. Keep vital information a secret and you'll avoid a loss. Make positive changes at home. **★★★**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Go after what you want and bring about the changes that will encourage you to grow personally, financially and spiritually. Hard work and dedication will bring you good results. Seek attention from someone you respect and love. **★★★**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't leave any room for error in your dealings. You'll be offered information that is outdated or will make you look bad if you share what you hear. Avoid people who want you to take on too much. **★★★**

Birthday Baby: You are charming, affectionate and kind. You are proactive and just.

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle—horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Solution: 8 letters

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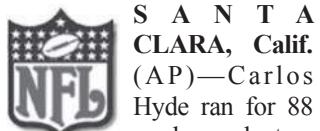
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49ers open Chip Kelly era with 28-0 victory over Rams



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CLARA, Calif.
(AP)—

Carlos Hyde ran for 88 yards and two touchdowns and the San Francisco 49ers posted their first season-opening shutout in franchise history to spoil the Rams' first game since moving back to Los Angeles with a 28-0 victory Monday night.

Shaun Draughn also ran for a score and Blaine Gabbert threw a touchdown pass to Vance McDonald to help the 49ers win their first game under coach Chip Kelly in convincing fashion.

After Los Angeles football fans waited more than 21 years to once again be able to call a team their own, they need to wait at least another week to see that team score.

Case Keenum threw for just 130 yards with two interceptions, star running back Todd Gurley was held to 47 yards on 17 carries and the Rams barely even threatened the Niners as they made only 10 first downs all game.

San Francisco wasn't much better offensively but managed to run the ball fairly effectively early, leading to the two first-half touchdowns by Hyde and Draughn.

The 49ers opened the Kelly era in a similar fashion to the way they opened last year under first-year coach Jim Tomsula. San Francisco dominated Minnesota 20-3 in the late Monday night opener but won only four other games all season, leading to Tomsula's firing.

San Francisco's Colin Kaepernick and Eric Reid once again kneeled during the national anthem, while a few other players protested by raising their fists. Rams de-



San Francisco 49ers running back Shaun Draughn (24) stiff arms Los Angeles Rams strong safety T.J. McDonald (25) to score on a touchdown run during the first half of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., Monday, Sept. 12, 2016. AP

fensive lineman Robert Quinn and receiver Kenny Britt and Niners linebacker Eli Harold and safety Antoine Bethea all held up their fists in protest. Kaepernick came on late with the game out of hand.

Rams defensive lineman Aaron Donald was ejected in the fourth quarter when he made contact with an official. The infraction came after Rams linebacker Alec Ogletree gave an extra push to Gabbert following a scramble. As players on both teams started jawing, Donald pushed a 49ers player and then made contact with an official. Don-

ald was called for two personal fouls on the play and ejected.

Steelers 38, Redskins 16

In Landover, Ben Roethlisberger knew the retired Heath Miller, suspended teammates Le'Veon Bell and Martavis Bryant and the injured Markus Wheaton weren't walking through that door. So he put the Pittsburgh Steelers' young, largely untested offense on his shoulders.

Roethlisberger threw for three touchdowns to lead the Steelers to a rout of the Washington Redskins. After telling

his teammates he believed in not just All-Pro wide receiver Antonio Brown but Eli Rogers, Sammie Coates and others, Roethlisberger recovered a fumble at a pivotal moment and completed 27 of 37 passes for 300 yards in the season-opening victory.

He threw two touchdowns to Brown and another to Rogers. Often playing on the opposite side from Josh Norman and tormenting cornerback Bashaud Breeland, Brown made eight catches for 126 yards.

Starting in place of Bell, DeAngelo Williams ran for

143 yards and two touchdowns on 26 carries.

"We're confident in that group," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "I know we were missing some pieces tonight, but we had '7.' And when you got '7' you got the chance to put together performances like that."

Washington led 6-0 and appeared to have another scoring opportunity late in the first quarter when linebacker Ryan Kerrigan sacked and stripped Roethlisberger deep in Pittsburgh territory. Steelers center Maurkice Pouncey knocked the ball out of Ker-

igan's hands, and Roethlisberger dived on it at his own 13-yard line.

"The ball was on the ground and Pouncey was kind of laying on it and I was trying to tell Pouncey it was right under his leg," Roethlisberger said. "Any time you can get those balls back, it's huge."

Roethlisberger then guided Pittsburgh 87 yards down the field, finishing the drive with a 29-yard touchdown pass to Brown on a gutsy fourth-and-1 call from the Washington 29.

"We knew it was coming; I knew it was coming," Breeland said. "That's why I played it the way I played it. It was just a freak play, and he made the play. That's all I can say."

The next time he got the ball, Big Ben took the Steelers 67 yards on 14 plays to make it 14-6.

Pittsburgh's passing attack got clicking, but Kirk Cousins and the Redskins couldn't keep up. With Matt Jones and the running game grounded and tight end Jordan Reed taken out of the picture, Cousins finished 30 of 43 for 329 yards and two interceptions.

Washington got it as close as 24-16 on Chris Thompson's fourth-quarter touchdown. Then Roethlisberger was at it again, taking the Steelers 77 yards as Williams put the game away with a 15-yard touchdown run to break the 30-point mark.

BEREA, Ohio (AP)—Robert Griffin III's comeback cracked.

Cleveland's quarterback curse strikes again.

Griffin broke a bone in his left shoulder during the fourth quarter of Sunday's 29-10 loss at Philadelphia and will miss at least eight games—and potentially the season—with an injury that leaves the Browns' muddled QB situation as jumbled as ever.

The franchise's 25th starting quarterback since 1999, Griffin, who signed with the Browns as a free agent in March in hopes of reviving a career that fizzled in Washington, got hurt while trying to run out of bounds.

Griffin was nearing the sideline when he was struck by Eagles rookie defensive back Jalen Mills, who delivered a blow to the QB's chest area.

"It's football and these

RG3 breaks bone in shoulder, could miss season

things happen," Browns first-year coach Hue Jackson said. "It's unfortunate but it does happen in this sport."

But it seems to happen at an inordinate rate to the Browns, who have been unable to find any stability at the game's most important position for nearly two decades.

Griffin stayed in the game, but an MRI on Monday revealed that he broke the coracoid bone in his shoulder.

Griffin, who sustained a serious knee injury at the end of his rookie season with the Redskins, does not need surgery at this time and will be evaluated in 3 to 4 weeks.

The Browns placed Griffin on injured reserve—under new NFL rules he can be brought off the list—and he could return at some point in 2016.

But there's no guarantee that will happen and the 26-year-old has sustained another setback to a career filled with promise when he burst into the NFL as a dual-threat QB in 2012.

"He's been through a lot," Jackson said. "He gets it. He understands it's unfortunate that it happened. He worked extremely hard. But he also understands that there's a bigger plan."

"Sometimes he's not in control of everything, and it was unfortunate that it happened. But I think he's seen enough situations and been in enough in this league to understand that things happen in due time and that you've got to work through this and be prepared when the next opportunity comes."

Jackson didn't accuse Mills of a dirty hit, and said the

timing was such that Griffin, who was also slightly pushed from cornerback Ron Brooks, couldn't avoid contact.

"I don't think the guy was trying to hurt Robert," Jackson said.

"The guy was out of bounds himself and I think he reacted to this player running at him and at the last minute, I think they both seen each other and that was the reaction."

Despite being injured and in obvious pain, Griffin, who was checked by Cleveland's medical staff when he got to the sideline, returned to the field for the final series. While favoring his left arm, Griffin only handed the ball off.

"He wanted to be out there with his teammates," Jackson said. "I don't think anybody knew to the extent of the inju-

ry. We're all tough guys, we go out there and play and we want to stay out there with our teammates and finish the game. That's a credit to Robert."

With Griffin out, veteran Josh McCown will start this week's home opener against Baltimore. McCown, who coincidentally sustained a concussion on the opening drive in his debut with Cleveland last season, went 1-7 in eight starts but passed for 457 yards in a win over the Ravens.

McCown was the subject of trade talks during the off-season, but the Browns are glad they hung on to him.

"That's why we kept Josh here, because he knows how to play and he's been in this league and understands our offense and what we're trying to accomplish," Jackson said.

"It's unfortunate that this happened to Robert, but it is comforting to know that we have a guy that's played in NFL games and knows how to manage games."

McCown is excited by his new chance, but not at the expense of seeing Griffin get hurt.

"It's just heartbreaking because I know how much he wants to be out there with his guys fighting for his team," McCown said.

The nearly constant turnover at quarterback has hindered the Browns from winning or developing any stability. The injuries haven't helped.

"It's been pretty bad luck," McCown said. "It hasn't gone well. For whatever reason, it's just not gotten right."

Adding insult to injury, the Browns were beaten Sunday by Eagles rookie quarterback Carson Wentz, who shined in his debut.

Cubs top Cards to inch closer to NL Central crown



ST. LOUIS

(AP)—Kyle Hendricks took a no-hitter into the ninth inning before giving up Jeremy Hazelbaker's leadoff homer, and the Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-1 Monday night to close in on the NL Central crown.

Hazelbaker drove an 0-2 pitch into the right-field stands for his 12th home run. Hendricks (15-7), the major league ERA leader at 2.03, was relieved by Aroldis Chapman.

Ben Zobrist and Dexter Fowler homered for the Cubs, who lowered their magic number to three for clinching the division title. They lead the second-place Cardinals by 17 games and can wrap up the NL Central with a three-game sweep in St. Louis.

The Cardinals remained a half-game behind the Mets for the league's second wild card.

Soon after Hazelbaker's shot cleared the fence, teammates went to the mound to talk to Hendricks—leading to an argument between Cubs manager Joe Maddon and plate umpire Joe West.

Maddon was ejected, and Chapman entered to finish the one-hitter. He got three outs for his 14th save with Chicago, and is 34 for 37 overall this year with the Cubs and Yankees.

Nationals 8, Mets 1

In Washington, starting pitcher Mat Latos hit a solo home run and Anthony Rendon added a three-run shot as Washington beat New York.

Latos had a solid first start with the Nationals, but left the game with one out in the fifth inning when he appeared to injure his right leg.

Reynaldo Lopez (3-3) was among three relievers who combined for 4 2/3 scoreless innings as the NL East leaders won their fourth straight. They increased their lead over New York to 10 games—matching their largest cushion of the season—and reduced their magic number to nine to clinch their third division title in five years.

Red Sox 12, Orioles 2

In Boston, David Ortiz hit his 536th home run to tie Mickey Mantle for 17th on baseball's career list, and David Price allowed just a pair of solo homers for AL East-leading Boston.

Chris Young homered, doubled twice and singled, and Hanley Ramirez also homered for the Red Sox, who maintained a two-game lead over Toronto.

The Red Sox won for the fifth time in six games.

Price (16-8) gave up two



Chicago Cubs Albert Almora Jr. dives to make the catch for the out in the fifth inning of their baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals, Monday, Sept. 12, 2016, in St. Louis.

run in the sixth inning, Tyler Flowers had four RBI and Atlanta outslugged Miami.

The teams combined for 34 hits. Atlanta, which ranks 28th in runs, finished in double digits for just the third time this year and the first time at Turner Field.

The Marlins erased a seven-run deficit in the sixth.

Chaz Roe (2-0) got the win. Brian Ellington (2-2) took the loss.

Reds 3, Brewers 0

In Cincinnati, Scott Schebler hit a two-run single in Cincinnati's three-run first inning and four pitchers teamed up on the Reds' eighth shutout of the season.

Keyvius Sampson started and Blake Wood (6-3), Michael Lorenzen and Raisel Iglesias followed as the Reds posted their seventh shutout since the All-Star break.

Iglesias pitched the final two innings for his third save in four opportunities as the Reds extended their winning streak to four games.

The Brewers, who had hit at least one home run in nine consecutive games, have lost three of their last four.

hits in eight innings for his seventh straight victory, the longest winning streak of his career.

Dodgers 8, Yankees 2

In New York, Aaron Judge dropped Chase Utley's fly ball to the right-field warning track and catcher Gary Sanchez threw wildly to second base, leading to four unearned runs that helped NL West-leading Los Angeles beat the AL wild-card chasing Yankees.

Jose De Leon (2-0) won in his second big league start. Yasiel Puig and Justin Turner homered for the Dodgers.

Bryan Mitchell (1-1) gave up six runs—two earned—and eight hits in 2 1/3 innings.

The Dodgers previously had played just one day at Yankee Stadium since interleague action started in 1997, splitting a doubleheader in 2013.

White Sox 11, Indians 4

In Chicago, Avisail Garcia matched a career high with four hits, including a tiebreaking solo homer, and Chicago routed the AL Central leaders.

Todd Frazier hit his career-best 36th homer and Adam Eaton also went deep for the White Sox.

The Indians' division lead was trimmed to six games over Detroit.

Carlos Carrasco (11-8) lasted just 3 2/3 innings, hours after the Indians announced Danny Salazar could miss the rest of the season with a forearm injury.

Blue Jays 3, Rays 2

In Toronto, Tampa Bay and

Toronto cleared the benches and bullpens after the final out. No punches were thrown.

Steven Souza Jr. hit a liner for the last out and traded words with Blue Jays catcher Russell Martin after a verbal misunderstanding.

Toronto is the top wild-card team in the AL, one game ahead of Baltimore.

Jason Grilli (5-3) pitched one inning and Roberto Osuna got his 32nd save. Ezequiel Carrera had a tiebreaking, pinch-hit homer in the eighth off Brad Boxberger (3-1).

Tigers 4, Twins 2

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera and Ian Kinsler homered and Detroit scored two runs in the seventh inning on close plays at the plate.

The Tigers pulled within a game of Baltimore for the AL's second wild card.

Brian Dozier hit his 40th homer for Minnesota.

Shane Greene (4-4) won in relief. Francisco Rodriguez walked two in the ninth but held on for his 41st save in 45 chances.

Athletics 16, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Khris Davis and Marcus Semien hit three-run homers as Oakland matched a season high with 17 hits while drawing 10 walks.

Kansas City remained four games behind for the second AL wild-card spot.

Daniel Coulombe (3-1) earned the win in relief.

Royals starter Dillon Gee (6-8) was battered for five runs on five hits and four walks in 3 1/3 innings.

Phillies 6, Pirates 2

In Philadelphia, Roman

Quinn had two hits, two RBI, a stolen base and made a big impression in his second major league game, leading Philadelphia over Pittsburgh.

A day after he was promoted to the big leagues, Quinn hit second and played right field in his second straight start. Quinn, an accomplished base stealer and the Phillies' second-round draft pick in 2011, doubled in the second and sixth in-

nings to help the Phillies snap a seven-game home losing streak.

Quinn's two-run double in the second one-hopped the wall as part of a five-run inning against Gerrit Cole (7-10), who allowed five runs in two innings in his first start off the disabled list.

Braves 12, Marlins 7

In Atlanta, Nick Markakis doubled home the go-ahead

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The other game is boccia, the well-known game of skill in which an athlete or a team rolls colored balls as close as possible to a white target known as the jack.

Another sport worth a mention. The ultimate in bench press, which is the only weightlifting discipline in the games. Lying on their backs, and strapped to the bench, competitors lift up to three times their body weight.

Lots of records at Rio Paralympics

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—

The Rio Paralympics hit its midpoint on Monday, with its Brazilian hosts overcoming budget issues to stage what has been a successful games so far, with higher-than-expected attendance and scores of records.

For those who are just tuning in, here are some eye-catching things about the global sports festival for people with disabilities.

The London Paralympics in 2012 set attendance records, but the Rio version is primed to outpace that event when it comes to setting new marks on the field. Through its sixth day, the Rio Paralympics have seen 132 world records fall, and 214 Paralympic records. The totals for London were 251 world and 314 Paralympic marks. Craig Spence, spokesman for the International Paralympic Committee, said the Paralympics are still developing, which accounts for the gaudy stats. "Maybe in a generation's

time we'll see the number of world records reduce," he said, "but at the moment we still see quite a lot."

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Madrid keeps formula to try to repeat in Champions League

MADRID (AP)—Real Madrid is relying on the successful formula of a year ago as it attempts to become the first team to win back-to-back Champions League titles, betting on the same stars who triumphed last season.

Confident that it already has what it takes to repeat as champion, Madrid bypassed high-profile signings after clinching its 11th European trophy last year, limiting its moves to players not in the starting lineup entering the new season.

Madrid's only significant addition ahead of its Champions League debut against Sporting Lisbon on Wednesday was young forward Alvaro Morata, who spent two seasons with Juventus and played for Spain at Euro 2016. It also brought back Marco Asensio from his loan at Espanyol, a midfielder who has been playing well and also made it to Spain's national team. Several players left, including Jese Rodriguez to Paris Saint-Germain, but none who had been playing regularly among the starters.

There should be no major changes to the starting lineup from the team that defeated Atletico Madrid in a penalty shootout in last season's final.

"We're in very good shape ahead of the Champions League. We've got many players who are back and available and that's key," midfielder



Luka Modric said. "We've got an impressive squad. In every position we've got two or three players and we're very happy with that."

Many of Madrid's title rivals added new players, but Madrid president Florentino Perez and coach Zinedine Zidane didn't feel the need to go shopping for more top players even though a one-year signing ban from

FIFA was looming for breaking rules protecting underage players. The ban went into effect after this summer's transfer window.

The squad again will be led by the likes of Sergio Ramos, Marcelo, Luka Modric, Gareth Bale, Karim Benzema and Cristiano Ronaldo.

"The team is looking good and solid," Ronaldo said after Madrid routed Osasuna

5-2 in the Spanish league on Saturday. "We've started well and I hope we can continue to do well."

Madrid started the new season on the right foot, winning the UEFA Super Cup and its first three Spanish league games to take the early lead in the competition it hasn't won since 2012.

"There are a lot of games coming up and we've got very good strength in depth and good players," Zidane

said. "We'll be looking to continue this good run."

Madrid was drawn into Group F in this year's Cham-

Real Madrid's Sergio Ramos, top, out jumps to head the ball and score a goal during the Spanish La Liga soccer match between Real Madrid and Osasuna at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016.

pions League, which also has Borussia Dortmund and Legia Warsaw.

Only four teams ever made it back to the Champions League final a year after winning the title: Milan in 1995, Ajax in 1996, Juventus in 1997 and Manchester United in 2009.

Milan was the last team to win consecutive European titles, before the new Champions League was created in 1992-93. The Italian team did it in 1989-90. Ten years earlier, Nottingham Forest won back-to-back titles in 1979-80. Liverpool had consecutive triumphs in 1977-78. Benfica and Inter Milan also won back-to-back titles.

three matches. South Korea and Japanese are really strong teams, their skills are way up there," Angeles said.

"We lost the last three matches, but those defeats will eventually help our players because after the festival they were able to realize how strong the other teams are and what they should do to keep up with them. We can't catch up with the other teams' height, but in skills and speed, we can. I just hope after the festival, our players will push themselves to develop their skills and speed more," he added.

"Of course everybody wants to win so the boys were a bit sad when we lost to Mongolia. But, I told them there's nothing to be ashamed of because they gave all their best in the game and in our first

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by South Korea, 14-0, before ending the two-game scoring drought after making two goals against Mongolia in their last game in the AFC event. Mongolia tallied seven goals to deny the CNMI the elusive win.

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additional 2,000 ranking points to bring his total to 5,500 and beat 49 other players in Pacific Oceania for the No. 1 rankings in the Circuit. Schorr was way ahead of the Vanuatu's Samuel Strid, who collected only 2,890 points. Molinar completed the Top 3 with his 2,700 points.

Besides winning in the POJC and topping the Pacific Oceania U14 Circuit, Schorr also ruled the 7th TanHoldings Tennis Classic held on Saipan and the 2016 Chamorro Open in Guam.

"The tournaments in Australia are different and tougher than the ones I had on Saipan, Guam, and Fiji. The players are really good so I need to prepare well to play good games there," said Schorr, who still had a practice session with Race despite the uncooperative weather yesterday.

The top-ranked U14 player in the Pacific trains six times a week to get ready for competitions later this year, working out with Race and Saipan Tennis Academy coach Peter Loken.

Wambach: I abused alcohol, prescription drugs for years

NEW YORK (AP)—Abby Wambach says she abused alcohol and prescription drugs for years until her arrest for driving under the influence in April.

"I was stubborn and I was in denial," soccer's most prolific international goal scorer told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "I didn't want to face the truth."

In "Forward," her memoir set for release on Tuesday, the retired U.S. national team star recounts her career, from the lows of losing her high school championship to the highs of winning the Women's World Cup last year. She also chronicles her high-profile marriage to fellow soccer player Sarah Huffman

and the struggles they faced.

And she tells of her bouts with vodka and pills, which included Vicodin, Ambien and Adderall.

Chapters in the book are words that she has been labeled: tomboy, captain, lesbian, and yes, addict.

"That night getting arrested was one of the best things that has ever happened to me. Because if I don't get so publicly shamed and publicly humiliated, I don't think I wake up," she said as she prepared for a book tour. "I think I was asleep for a lot of years. Asleep to the pleas-

from my family and friends, and even myself, to get help. So that night I was humiliated enough to wake up."

With 184 goals, Wambach is the leading career scorer—male or female—in international soccer. She retired in December after 15 years with the U.S. women's national team.

She says she has been sober since the night she was pulled over in Portland, Oregon, after dinner with friends. It was her rock bottom: Her mugshot was everywhere the next morning.

This was not what she imagined her legacy to be.

Wambach said that night was a culmination of events as her life spiraled out of control. Her marriage was on the rocks, she was wrestling with her retirement and her direction, and she had just taken a new job with ESPN.

She issued a statement on Facebook after she was released from jail the next morning, taking full responsibility for her actions and apologizing to her friends, family and fans. In the aftermath, MINI USA withdrew her from its advertising.

She pleaded guilty, agreeing to enter a diversion program for first-time offenders that included treatment.

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MP United topped last season's competition and took the U17 championship (for the first time after the league had the U18 age group contest in the past several years) after

finishing the double-round robin play with a 6-1-1 win-draw-loss record. Matansa was ranked second with its 5-1-2 slate and was followed by TanHoldings (5-0-3), Paire (2-0-6), and Kanoa (1-0-7).

Meanwhile, games in the division will continue this Saturday with Kanoa playing its first game of the season against TanHoldings at 9am. In the second match at 10:40am, it will be Matansa versus MP United.

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Down Under later this year after ruling both the singles and doubles events in the 2016 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships held in Fiji last month and topping the Pacific Oceania U14 Circuit.

The CNMI junior player was undefeated in pool play in the singles event in the POJC and clinched the division championship after surviving the tough Vaitei Molinier of Tahiti in a super-tiebreaker third set, 6-2, 6-7 (1), 10-5.

In the doubles, he partnered with fellow Commonwealth player Ken Song in sweeping Tahiti's Brendon Fong and Molinier in the finals, 6-2, 6-2, to give the CNMI the most titles (4) in the POJC. Carol Lee handed the Jeff Race-coached Commonwealth team the two other championships—the girls U16 singles and doubles (with Isabel Heras).

With his outstanding showing in the POJC, Schorr got

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in the first half after scoring in the 11th and 14th minute.

Matansa went on to wrap up the opening 40 minutes of play with a commanding 8-1 advantage as Benito and Lieto joined the spree after hitting their targets in the 28th and 30th minute, respectively. Paire avoided a shutdown in the first half when Podziewski broke the ice for his team in

the 37th minute.

After being held to one goal in the opening half, Belcher finished strong for Matansa, recording a brace with his conversion in the 50th and 71st minute. Matansa's other goal in the second half came in the 54th minute off Lieto's shot, while Bagic posted the last goal in the match after finding the back of the net in the 77th minute.

In the second game, TanHoldings nosed out spring season champion MP United, 2-1.

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The CNMI U14 Boys National Team players and officials pose for a photo with their medals of participation during the closing ceremony of the AFC U14 Regional (East) Festival of Football 2016 held at the Xianghe National Football Training Center in Beijing, China last week.



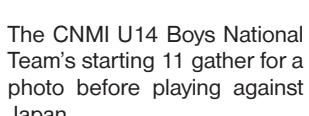
The CNMI U14 Boys National Team's John Michael Rojas, center, receives the AFC pennant from organizers of the AFC U14 Regional (East) Festival of Football 2016.



The CNMI U14 Boys National Team players and officials pose with members of the Mongolia squad during the closing ceremony.



The CNMI U14 Boys National Team players huddle before the start of their game against Mongolia.



The CNMI U14 Boys National Team's starting 11 gather for a photo before playing against Japan.



From left, CNMI U14 Boys National Team assistant coach Wai Wo Lee, head coach Jershwin Angeles, NMIFA technical director and CNMI head of delegation Kiyoshi Sekiguchi, and team physiotherapist Jungsang Park are pictured here at the pitch before the Commonwealth's match against Guam.



The CNMI U14 Boys National Team's Edward Cho, second right, has his ID checked by one of the referees.



The CNMI U14 Boys National Team players shake hands with the South Koreans after their match.



49ers open Chip Kelly era with 28-0 victory over Rams

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Schorr earns slot on elite squad



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The CNMI's Robbie Schorr was rewarded with a spot on the Pacific Oceania Touring Team after dominating the boys U14 age group competitions in the region this year.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI's Robbie Schorr returns a shot to fellow Commonwealth player Ken Song during a playoff game in the boys U14 singles event in the 2016 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships held in Fiji last month.

Schorr will suit up for the elite squad for the third time and head to Melbourne, Australia this December to play in two tournaments.

"I am honored to represent the CNMI and the Pacific Oceania in the tournaments in Australia. This is my last year



playing in the boys U14 division and I am hoping to get as many wins as I can," Schorr told *Saipan Tribune*.

The 14-year-old Schorr is one of the 12 players from Pacific Oceania selected to compete in the Land

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CNMI U14 team to continue training



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The CNMI U14 Boys National Team players line up during the opening ceremony for the AFC U14 Regional (East) Festival of Football 2016 held last week at the Xianghe National Football Training Center in Beijing, China.

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The CNMI U14 Boys National Team that just returned from China after playing in the AFC U14 Regional (East) Festival of Football 2016 will resume training for upcoming tournaments next year.

"We will just take a break for about two weeks and then go back to the field to train. Coach Seki (North-

ern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director and CNMI men's team head coach Kiyoshi Sekiguchi) wants to keep the team intact as some of them are eligible to play for the U15 squad and others for the U14 team in another festival next year," said Jershwin Angeles, who called

the shots for the U14 crew that participated in last week's festival at the Xianghe National Football Training Center in Beijing.

"We will start with a once a week training as coach Seki and I are also working with our boys U17 team," Angeles added.

The CNMI U14 team, which had Michael Rojas, Sebastien Manabat, Mark Salamat, Kirt Andon, Ichiro Borja, Terrence Montenegro, John Guiller Canape, Jamin Elliot, Edward Cho, Mark Esalan, Joshua Waldon, Brandon De Los Reyes, Christian Aldan, Kirro Batino, Thomas Benavente, John Paul Cruz, Joshua Mendez, and Eun Syu Hahn as members, returned from China last Monday after playing four games in the festival.

The Team Ayuyus duelled Guam in their first game and forced a draw, 2-2. Up next for Angeles' wards was Japan, which handed the CNMI a 17-0 beating. The Commonwealth bets were also routed

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Terrance Evan Belcher scored a hat-trick in Matansa's 11-2 demolition of Paire in the opening game in the boys U17 division of the NMIFA fall league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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Matansa, TanHoldings win opening matches

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Matansa Football Club and TanHoldings got off to a good start in the boys U17 division of the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League after posting contrasting wins last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Matansa and Paire opened the action in the division with the former cruising to an 11-2 victory. CNMI youth team mainstay Terrance Evan Belcher and Jun Sik Kim powered Matansa to the one-sided win after scoring three goals apiece. Four other Matansa players made it to the board with Jether Yobech

chipping in two and Lolo-beyong Benito, Ray Lieto, and Joshua De Leon contributing one each. Paire drew its two goals from Dai Podziewski and Saixian Bascic.

Six goals in a span of 14 minutes helped Matansa set up the easy win. Yobech started Matansa's string of shots with his goal in the fourth minute, while Kim got his first three minutes later. Yobech then lit up the board anew in the eighth minute, while Belcher logged his first in the 10th. The next two goals both came from Kim, as he completed the hat-trick